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CANDRIAM teams up with first UN certified carbon neutral football club

London, 28 May 2019 – CANDRIAM today announces a sponsorship deal with Forest Green Rovers, the greenest football club in the world and first football club to be certified carbon neutral by the United Nations. The partnership highlights CANDRIAM's commitment to sustainability. The sponsorship package includes pitch side board advertising as well as the organisation of client events at the club.

Forest Green Rovers, a League Two professional football club based in Gloucestershire, England, has long demonstrated its green credentials. The club is powered by renewable energy, serves vegan food to players, staff and fans, and plays on an organic pitch. In recognition of the work the club has done in reducing its impact on the environment, it received prestigious UN certification in 2018 and has since signed up to Climate Neutral Now, a United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change initiative. In April 2019, Forest Green Rovers chairman Dale Vince obtained an official role with the UN and its recently launched Sports for Climate Action initiative.

Naïm Abou-Jaoudé, CEO at CANDRIAM and New York Life Investments International, said: "ESG and sustainability have been at the centre of our business for the last 20 years. At CANDRIAM, we are always on the lookout for organisations that are ahead of the curve when it comes to respecting the environment, society and promoting sustainable development. CANDRIAM is proud to team up with Forest Green Rovers and wants to support its development by becoming its first non-British partner. We are really impressed by the success of the club, which sets an example for bigger clubs. Our sponsorship is evidence of our strategy of supporting sustainable initiatives that can have a genuine impact at a grass-roots level."

Henry Staelens, Chief Executive Officer at Forest Green Rovers, said: "As the greenest and most sustainable football club in the world, Forest Green Rovers works hard to bring together football and environmental consciousness in a way that no one else is. We are thrilled to have the support of Candriam, an organisation which shares our commitment to socially responsible action, and we look forwards to partnering closely with them in the future."

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About Forest Green Rovers FC

Founded in 1889 and based at The New Lawn stadium in Gloucestershire, Forest Green Rovers FC is described by FIFA as the greenest football club in the world. Currently in League Two, FGR is bringing together football and environmental consciousness in a way no other football club in the world is doing – from its fully organic pitch and vegan matchday menu to its stadium solar panels and electric vehicle charge points. The club is the first vegan football club in the world and the only club on the planet to be certified carbon neutral by the United Nations.

<https://www.fgr.co.uk/>



About CANDRIAM

CANDRIAM is a European multi-specialist asset manager and a recognized pioneer and leader in sustainable investing. CANDRIAM manages about EUR 115 billion of assets under management¹ with a team of more than 500 professionals. It operates management offices in Luxembourg, Brussels, Paris, and London, serving clients in more than 20 countries on 4 continents. CANDRIAM offers innovative and diversified investment solutions in bonds, equities, absolute performance strategies and asset allocation.

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