

PRESS RELEASE**Horizon Capital Invests \$15 million Into Ukrainian Food Retail Chain**

Kyiv, October 3, 2008 — Horizon Capital, a private equity manager focused on mid-cap investments in Ukraine, today signed an equity investment agreement to invest US\$15 million in equity in Evrotek Group PLC, the holding company for a recently formed Ukrainian food retail chain operating under the trade name Fresh, alongside International Finance Corporation (IFC). This investment will enable the company to further expand its modern retail chain.

“This investment will help us expand the chain geographically and build our market share. While the sector is growing rapidly, it is still fragmented and segments of the population and geography are very underserved by modern retail formats like Fresh,” said Mikhailo Veselsky, Evrotek’s Founder and Chief Executive Officer.

Evrotek Group PLC entered the food retail chain market in 2006 and is one of Ukraine’s newest retail store chains. “Fresh” has two standard formats: supermarket (1300 m²) and mini-hypermarket (2400 m²). It intends to develop presence in large Ukrainian cities (population in excess of 100,000). Fresh has opened eight stores to-date, operating in Evpatoriya, Kerch, Kryviy Rih, Kherson and Rivne. The company’s expansion plan foresees a total of 58 stores and 3 logistics centers by 2010.

Mark Iwashko, Co-Managing Partner of Horizon Capital said: “This investment is an excellent opportunity not only to back an entrepreneur with a solid track record of success, but also to invest in one of the most interesting and fast growing sectors in Ukraine. Ukraine has consistently been ranked at the top of the AT Kearney Global Retail Development Index due to the size and potential of the market and the low level of modern retail penetration. “

This investment was made on behalf of Emerging Europe Growth Fund (“EEGF”), a \$132 million fund. This is a new investment in a portfolio of 11 companies, of which almost 40% are in the consumer/retail segment. Horizon Capital invested on behalf of EEGF from 2006 to 2008 focusing on the fastest growing mid-market companies in Ukraine, Moldova and the region.

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About Horizon Capital:

Horizon Capital (www.horizoncapital.com.ua) is a private equity fund manager that originates and manages investments in mid-cap companies with outstanding growth and profit potential in Ukraine and the region. Currently, Horizon Capital manages three funds, Emerging Europe Growth Fund II (EEGF II), Emerging Europe Growth Fund (EEGF) and Western NIS Enterprise Fund (WNISEF), with over \$600 million under management.

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