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Defactor Labs' Alpha Bond Offering, Europe's first Institutional Grade
DeFi Product, is now open for Investments on the Black Manta
Investment Platform

MUNICH, DUBLIN, LUXEMBOURG 11 July 2023 - Defactor Labs, the pioneering decentralized finance platform, is redefining the investment landscape with the launch of Alpha, Europe's first-ever institutional grade securitization vehicle in the DeFi space. Supported by BaFin-licensed broker-dealer Black Manta Capital Partners, Alpha combines the stability of traditional finance with the innovation of DeFi, providing investors with a secure and accessible entry point into the rapidly growing world of decentralized finance.

The collaboration between <u>Defactor Labs</u>, <u>Black Manta Capital Partners</u>, <u>Tokeny</u>, and <u>CMS</u> brings together industry leaders that paved the way for Alpha's groundbreaking launch. Tokeny, utilizing the ERC3643 standard on the Polygon Network, provides the robust tokenization infrastructure for Alpha, ensuring end-to-end compliance. CMS, a globally renowned law firm specializing in DeFi and digital assets, contributes their expertise to ensure regulatory compliance throughout the process.

With successful pilot projects that have already settled \$2 million in funding in the last three months, Alpha has proven its practical viability and reliability, boasting an impeccable track record with zero defaults. This validation highlights the effectiveness of Alpha Bonds, which offer investors transparent, balanced investment opportunities with a target APY of 10%.

Alpha's tokenization plays a pivotal role in bridging the \$1.5 trillion USD global funding gap for small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs). SMEs often face challenges in securing funding due to the outdated risk models imposed by traditional banks, limiting their growth potential and competitiveness. The project addresses these challenges by

tokenizing \$100 million worth of Alpha Bonds, using real-world assets such as receivables as collateral, to better cater to the funding needs of SMEs worldwide.

Alejandro Gutierrez, CEO and Co-Founder of Defactor Labs, states: "Launching Alpha Bonds is a monumental milestone for not only us at Defactor but for the worldwide network of SMEs. Our goal has always been to create a truly inclusive global economy with access to liquidity for all. With this partnership with Tokeny and Black Manta Capital Partners, they are the missing pieces we needed to ultimately fulfill our goal. We are excited to officially launch Alpha Bonds and allow investors to earn a return, while at the same time helping SMEs to grow around the world."

The launch of Alpha Bonds introduces unparalleled transparency, efficiency, and instant settlement, replacing the traditional complexities of bond instruments. Alpha Bonds, compliantly distributed to a global network of investors, enable eligible participants to digitally subscribe and purchase these digital bonds with a seamless ecommerce-like experience, harnessing the benefits of tokenization.

Alexander Rapatz, Founding & Managing Partner at Black Manta Capital Partners, adds: "Traditional finance is in a constant state of transformation, and we at Black Manta Capital Partners believe that an important part of the financial market will be permissioned decentralized finance. The 'Alpha Bonds' project, as Europe's first institutional grade DeFi product, lays the foundation for bringing real world assets into the DeFi space, and we are delighted to be working with Defactor Labs and Tokeny to bring this innovative product to market."

Alpha Bonds also facilitate secondary trading, granting investors the opportunity to achieve liquidity by directly trading their bonds with eligible counterparties, removing intermediaries from the equation. This enhanced liquidity further solidifies the appeal and viability of these innovative investment instruments.

CEO of Tokeny, <u>Luc Falempin</u>, concludes: "Tokeny, as the technology partner of Defactor Labs, is excited to contribute to bridge traditional finance to DeFi through the launch of 'Alpha Bonds'. By leveraging the ERC3643 standard to tokenize \$100 million worth of bonds, Defactor Labs aims to not only allow institutional investors to compliantly access DeFi, but also provide them with liquidity options in an open network thanks to ERC3643 protocol's on-chain compliance nature,"

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**ABOUT DEFACTOR LABS** - Defactor Labs is busy building a global community of investors and businesses who know how to put capital to work. Using blockchain technology to secure real-world assets, we give investors the confidence to lend to SMEs. Our vision is to create a truly inclusive lending space, where anyone can participate and benefit from the opportunities of the global economy. Based out Dogpatch Labs in Dublin, we are part of a cohort of promising startups driving towards a brighter and more inclusive future for all.

**ABOUT TOKENY** - Tokeny provides a compliance infrastructure for digital assets. It allows financial actors operating in private markets to compliantly and seamlessly issue, transfer, and manage securities using distributed ledger technology. By applying trust, compliance, and control on a hyper-efficient infrastructure, Tokeny enables market participants to unlock significant advancements in the management and liquidity of financial instruments. The company is backed by strategic investors such as Euronext and Inveniam.

**ABOUT BLACK MANTA CAPITAL PARTNERS** - BMCP is a one-stop agency for all technical, financial, and legal aspects of asset tokenization. With security tokens that grant equity, profit, and governance rights to investors, BMCP runs a Multi-STO platform that aims to set a global standard for security token offerings ("STOs"). BMCP was founded in Luxembourg in 2018 and runs BMCP GmbH in Munich as a licensed and regulated Financial Service Institute for STOs, consulting entity BMCP Consulting GmbH in Vienna, and international business development through its Irish BMCP Limited.

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