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World-renowned polar explorer, artist, honorary diplomat and Founder of Space Trust, Namira Salim, has been appointed to the Henley & Partners Board of Advisors. The global residence and citizenship planning firm's Board of Advisors is an important strategic body which advises and consults senior management on key decisions, new business ideas, and philanthropic initiatives.

“Being accepted to the Henley & Partners Board of Advisors is a great honor, and I am proud to work with a firm that has invested a significant amount of resources in philanthropic initiatives. I hope that I can further contribute and provide counsel with my knowledge and experience in utilizing space as a tool for developing innovative solutions for a peaceful world. Together with Henley & Partners, we can inspire people to become global citizens, view the world beyond geographical and political boundaries and as one humanity — as seen from space. Together, we can honor the majesty of space as a timeless asset for inspiring peace and trust beyond man-made borders,” says Salim.

Henley & Partners' Group Chairman and CEO, Dr. Christian H. Kälin, says, “We are privileged to welcome Namira Salim to the Henley & Partners family. She brings her formidable talents, skills and influence, and we look forward to learning and benefiting from her wealth of experience.”

Salim has an impressive collection of ‘firsts’. She is the first future South Asian Space Tourist, the first potential Pakistani Astronaut, the first Asian to skydive over Mount Everest, the first Pakistani and first woman from Monaco to have reached both the North and South Poles, and a Founder Astronaut of Sir Richard Branson's Virgin Galactic, the first commercial space liner in the world. She is also the Founder and Chairperson of Space Trust, a non-profit initiative that promotes space as the new frontier for peace.

Henley & Partners' Head of Philanthropy, Paola De Leo, adds, “In our experience, individuals who recognize themselves as global citizens are also people who naturally place their identity as part of a global community over and above their identity as a citizen of a particular nation or place. They perceive a global responsibility and are concerned with global causes, and Namira Salim is one such individual.”

Salim joins Eric G. Major, John Bender, Daniel Goldscheider, Stephen Gray, Prof. Dr. Dimitry Kochenov, Dr. Marshall Langer, Bill Liao, Prof. Dr. Prieur Du Plessis and Daniel Truchi on the Henley & Partners Board of Advisors.

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## **Notes to Editors**

### **About Namira Salim**

Namira Salim is the Founder and Chairperson of Space Trust. She is internationally renowned as the first future Space Tourist from South Asia and Monaco to go to space aboard the Virgin Galactic, the world's first commercial space liner. Salim is an avid promoter of private spaceflight, the new age of space exploration and a keen advocate of peaceful uses of space. She has undertaken pioneering peace expeditions to the North and South Poles and the summit of Mount Everest. Salim is the first Pakistani and first woman from Monaco and the UAE (her family base) to have reached the North and South Poles in 2007/08, as well as the first Asian to skydive (tandem) over Mount Everest during the historic First Everest Skydives in 2008.

Salim holds an Ivy League Master's degree in International Affairs from Columbia University. She has held official peace-themed exhibitions during the United Nations General Assembly in New York, UNESCO's Executive Board and UNESCO's OIC Day in Paris, and has held events under the Patronage of Royalty from Monaco and Dubai.

She has served as Honorary Ambassador of Tourism for Pakistan and as First Honorary Consul of Pakistan to Monaco, having spearheaded diplomatic relations between the two countries in 2009. Salim was decorated with the 'Medal of Excellence' by the President of Pakistan in 2011.

### **About Henley & Partners**

Henley & Partners is the global leader in residence and citizenship planning. Each year, hundreds of wealthy individuals, families and their advisors rely on its expertise and experience in this area. The firm's highly qualified professionals work together as one team over 25 offices worldwide.

The concept of residence and citizenship planning was created by Henley & Partners in the 1990s. As globalization has expanded, residence and citizenship have become topics of significant interest among the increasing number of internationally mobile entrepreneurs and investors whom they proudly serve every day.

The firm also runs a leading government advisory practice which has raised more than USD 6 billion in foreign direct investment. The firm has been involved in strategic consulting and the design, set-up and operation of the world's most successful residence and citizenship programs.

### **About the Board of Advisors**

Henley & Partners' Board of Advisors is an independent, non-executive group of distinguished individuals who consult with the firm's senior management on strategy and important issues, new business ideas, philanthropic initiatives and other matters. The Board of Advisors meets at least once a year.

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