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# Kartoon Studios Announces Strategic Share Retirement to Enhance Shareholder Value and Reduce Shares Outstanding

## Company Retires 348,127 Shares of Toon Stock, Increasing Shareholders' Ownership Percentage

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif., Sept. 09, 2025 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- **Kartoon Studios (NYSE American: TOON)** today announced the retirement of 348,127 shares of its common stock, strengthening the Company's capital structure and reducing shares outstanding, thereby increasing remaining shareholder's proportional ownership and amplifying anticipated future earnings per share growth. The shares were received in exchange for an equal number of Your Family Entertainment AG shares and will be returned to the Company's treasury.

"Management made the decision to exchange a portion of our YFE holdings for TOON shares because of our strong conviction that Kartoon Studios is unlocking significant long-term value," said Brian Parisi, Chief Financial Officer. "This transaction directly enhances shareholder value while preserving our strategic position in YFE."

"This share retirement is another important step in streamlining our capital structure, while we work to advance our goal of delivering sustained profitability and growth," said Andy Heyward, Chairman & CEO of Kartoon Studios. "By reducing outstanding shares, every shareholder now owns a greater percentage of the Company. Coming at this pivotal moment—on the cusp of achieving expected profitability—the impact on earnings per share should be especially meaningful. Combined with recent insider open-market purchases by management and our Board, this action underscores our confidence in the Company's strategic direction and growth trajectory, while reinforcing our commitment to generating significant long-term returns."

### About Kartoon Studios

Kartoon Studios (NYSE AMERICAN: TOON) is a global leader in children's and family entertainment, delivering premium content and high-value intellectual property to millions of viewers worldwide. The Company's portfolio features globally recognized brands including Stan Lee's Superhero Kindergarten, Shaq's Garage, Rainbow Rangers, and Llama Llama. Kartoon Studios holds a controlling interest in Stan Lee Universe and operates Mainframe Studios—one of North America's largest animation producers—with more than 22,000 minutes of award-winning programming delivered.

Through its Toon Media Networks division—including Kartoon Channel!, Ameba, and Frederator Network—Kartoon Studios reaches audiences across linear television, AVOD,

SVOD, FAST channels, and top streaming platforms. Cartoon Channel! is consistently rated the #1 kids' streaming app on the Apple App Store. With a growing global distribution footprint in over 60 countries, strategic brand partnerships, and a robust content pipeline, Cartoon Studios is positioned for sustained growth and long-term shareholder value.

For more information, visit [www.kartoonstudios.com](http://www.kartoonstudios.com)

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