Quantum-Si Incorporated ("Quantum-Si", "QSI" or the "Company"), a pioneer in next generation semiconductor chip-based proteomics, and HighCape Capital Acquisition Corp. (Nasdaq: CAPA) ("HighCape"), a special purpose acquisition company sponsored by HighCape Capital LP, announced today that they have entered into a definitive business combination agreement. Upon completion of the transaction, the combined company's Class A common stock is expected to be traded on The Nasdaq Stock Market ("Nasdaq") under the symbol "QSI".

Company Overview

Quantum-Si has created the first next-generation protein sequencing platform with the goal of revolutionizing the growing field of proteomics. Our unique semiconductor chip has the power to decode the molecules of life, starting with proteins, and holds the potential to expand the scale of the genomics and proteomics market beyond that of next-generation DNA sequencing.
QSi’s end-to-end solution, including Carbon and Platinum, which is on track to launch commercially in 2022 for research use, has the potential to significantly disrupt an existing addressable $21 billion market of pharmaceutical, academic research and drug discovery. The platform also may enable new diagnostic applications in healthcare.

Management Comments

"Quantum-Si’s business strategy aligns well with our investment philosophy. We have confidence that this highly passionate and experienced management team is well-positioned to deliver on its bold vision of revolutionizing the proteomics market," said Kevin Rakin, Chief Executive Officer of HighCape Capital. "We look forward to supporting Quantum-Si and building a sustainable business that will be a disruptive force in the proteomics industry in the years to come."

"I was lucky enough to be involved in the invention of next-generation DNA sequencing, so it's fitting that my team will bring next-generation protein sequencing to the world. DNA sequencing changed medicine and research by revealing what could happen in the body; protein sequencing shows what is happening right now," said Dr. Jonathan Rothberg, Founder of Quantum-Si. "We aim to continue to democratize medicine, by developing the field of proteomics to make a significant impact on drug discovery, academic research, and diagnostics."

Key Transaction Terms

The transaction is expected to deliver up to $540 million of gross proceeds, including up to $115 million of cash held in HighCape's trust account (assuming no redemptions are effected). The transaction is further supported by a $425 million PIPE at $10.00 per share, led by Foresite Capital Management, LLC, Eldridge, accounts advised by ARK Invest, Glenview Capital Management, LLC, and Redmile Group, LLC. The combined company is projected to have approximately $514 million in cash on the balance sheet after closing.

Assuming no public stockholders of HighCape exercise their redemption rights, ownership of the combined company immediately following the closing is expected to be comprised of current QSi equity holders (60.8%), HighCape stockholders (7.9%), HighCape's sponsors and Foresite Capital Management, LLC (2.2%), and PIPE investors (29.1%). Upon the closing of the transaction, Dr. Jonathan Rothberg will become Executive Chairman and hold a controlling voting interest in the combined company through his holdings of 20x voting Class B common stock.

The transaction, which has been unanimously approved by the Boards of Directors of Quantum-Si and HighCape, is subject to approval by the Company’s stockholders, HighCape’s stockholders and other customary closing conditions. The proposed business combination is expected to be completed in the second quarter of 2021.
A more detailed description of the transaction terms and a copy of the business combination agreement will be included in a Current Report on Form 8-K to be filed by HighCape with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC"). HighCape will file a registration statement (which will contain a joint proxy statement/prospectus) with the SEC in connection with the transaction.

Advisors

Mintz, Levin, Cohn, Ferris, Glovsky and Popeo, P.C. is acting as legal advisor to Quantum-Si. J.P. Morgan Securities LLC is acting as lead placement agent and Cantor Fitzgerald & Co. is acting as co-placement agent for the PIPE. Mayer Brown is acting as legal counsel to the placement agents. White & Case LLP is acting as legal advisor and J.P. Morgan Securities LLC is acting as exclusive financial advisor to HighCape. Cantor Fitzgerald & Co. is acting as capital markets advisor and underwrote the IPO of HighCape in September, 2020.

Management Presentation

A presentation made by the management teams of both Quantum-Si and HighCape regarding the transaction will be available on the websites of Quantum-Si at www.Quantum-Si.com/investors and HighCape at spac.highcape.com. HighCape will also file the presentation with the SEC in a Current Report on Form 8-K, which will be accessible at www.sec.gov.

About Quantum-Si

Founded by Dr. Jonathan Rothberg in 2013, Quantum-Si is focused on revolutionizing the growing field of proteomics. The Company's suite of technologies are powered by a first-of-its-kind semiconductor chip designed to sequence proteins, and digitize proteomic research in order to advance drug discovery and ultimately diagnostics beyond what has been possible with DNA sequencing.

Important Information About the Proposed Business Combination and Where to Find It

In connection with the proposed business combination, HighCape intends to file a Registration Statement on Form S-4, including a preliminary proxy statement/prospectus and a definitive proxy statement/prospectus with the SEC. HighCape's stockholders and other interested persons are advised to read, when available, the preliminary proxy statement/prospectus and the amendments thereto and the definitive proxy statement/prospectus as well as other documents filed with the SEC in connection with the proposed business combination, as these materials will contain important information about Quantum-Si, HighCape, and the proposed business combination. When available, the definitive proxy statement/prospectus and other relevant materials for the proposed business combination will be mailed to stockholders of HighCape as of a record date to be established for voting on the proposed business combination.
combination. Stockholders will also be able to obtain copies of the preliminary proxy statement/prospectus, the definitive proxy statement/prospectus, and other documents filed with the SEC that will be incorporated by reference therein, without charge, once available, at the SEC’s website at www.sec.gov, or by directing a request to: info@HighCapeacquisition.com.

Participants in the Solicitation

HighCape and its directors and executive officers may be deemed participants in the solicitation of proxies from HighCape's stockholders with respect to the business combination. A list of the names of those directors and executive officers and a description of their interests in HighCape will be included in the proxy statement/prospectus for the proposed business combination and be available at www.sec.gov. Additional information regarding the interests of such participants will be contained in the proxy statement/prospectus for the proposed business combination when available.

Quantum-Si and its directors and executive officers may also be deemed to be participants in the solicitation of proxies from the stockholders of HighCape in connection with the proposed business combination. A list of the names of such directors and executive officers and information regarding their interests in the proposed business combination will be included in the proxy statement/prospectus for the proposed business combination.

Forward-Looking Statements

This press release includes “forward-looking statements” within the meaning of the “safe harbor” provisions of the United States Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. HighCape’s and Quantum Si’s actual results may differ from their expectations, estimates, and projections and, consequently, you should not rely on these forward-looking statements as predictions of future events. Words such as “expect,” “estimate,” “project,” “budget,” “forecast,” “anticipate,” “intend,” “plan,” “may,” “will,” “could,” “should,” “believes,” “predicts,” “potential,” “continue,” and similar expressions (or the negative versions of such words or expressions) are intended to identify such forward-looking statements. These forward-looking statements include, without limitation, HighCape and Quantum-Si’s expectations with respect to future performance, development of products and services, potential regulatory approvals, and anticipated financial impacts and other effects of the proposed business combination, the satisfaction of the closing conditions to the proposed business combination, the timing of the completion of the proposed business combination, and the size and potential growth of current or future markets for the combined company’s future products and services. These forward-looking statements involve significant risks and uncertainties that could cause the actual results to differ materially from those discussed in the forward-looking statements. Most of these factors are outside HighCape’s and Quantum-Si’s control and are difficult to predict. Factors that may cause such differences include, but are not limited to: the occurrence of any event, change, or other circumstances that could give rise to the termination of the business combination agreement; the outcome of any legal proceedings
that may be instituted against HighCape and Quantum-Si following the announcement of the business combination agreement and the transactions contemplated therein; the inability to complete the proposed business combination, including due to failure to obtain approval of the stockholders of HighCape and Quantum-Si, certain regulatory approvals, or satisfy other conditions to closing in the business combination agreement; the occurrence of any event, change, or other circumstance that could give rise to the termination of the business combination agreement or could otherwise cause the transaction to fail to close; the impact of COVID-19 on Quantum-Si’s business and/or the ability of the parties to complete the proposed business combination; the inability to obtain or maintain the listing of the combined company’s shares of Class A common stock on Nasdaq following the proposed business combination; the risk that the proposed business combination disrupts current plans and operations as a result of the announcement and consummation of the proposed business combination; the ability to recognize the anticipated benefits of the proposed business combination, which may be affected by, among other things, competition and the ability of Quantum-Si to grow and manage growth profitably and retain its key employees; costs related to the proposed business combination; changes in applicable laws or regulations; the ability of the combined company to raise financing in the future; the success, cost and timing of Quantum-Si’s and the combined company’s product development activities; the potential attributes and benefits of Quantum-Si’s and the combined company’s products and services; Quantum-Si’s and the combined company’s ability to obtain and maintain regulatory approval for their products, and any related restrictions and limitations of any approved product; Quantum-Si’s and the combined company’s ability to identify, in-license or acquire additional technology; Quantum-Si’s and the combined company’s ability to maintain Quantum-Si’s existing license, manufacture and supply agreements; Quantum-Si’s and the combined company’s ability to compete with other companies currently marketing or engaged in the development of products and services that Quantum-Si is developing; the size and growth potential of the markets for Quantum-Si’s and the combined company’s future products and services, and each of their ability to serve those markets, either alone or in partnership with others; the pricing of Quantum-Si’s and the combined company’s products and services following anticipated commercial launch; Quantum-Si’s and the combined company’s estimates regarding future expenses, future revenue, capital requirements and needs for additional financing; Quantum-Si’s and the combined company’s financial performance; and other risks and uncertainties indicated from time to time in the final prospectus of HighCape for its initial public offering and the proxy statement/prospectus relating to the proposed business combination, including those under “Risk Factors” therein, and in HighCape’s other filings with the SEC. HighCape and Quantum-Si caution that the foregoing list of factors is not exclusive. HighCape and Quantum-Si caution readers not to place undue reliance upon any forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date made. HighCape and Quantum-Si do not undertake or accept any obligation or undertaking to release publicly any updates or revisions to any forward-looking statements to reflect any change in its expectations or any change in events, conditions, or circumstances on which any such statement is based.

No Offer or Solicitation
This press release shall not constitute a solicitation of a proxy, consent, or authorization with respect to any securities or in respect of the proposed business combination. This press release shall also not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy any securities, nor shall there be any sale of securities in any states or jurisdictions in which such offer, solicitation, or sale would be unlawful prior to registration or qualification under the securities laws of any such jurisdiction. No offering of securities shall be made except by means of a prospectus meeting the requirements of Section 10 of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or an exemption therefrom.

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