

# ARDIAN

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### ARDIAN OPENS OFFICE IN SOUTH KOREA

- **New office complements Ardian's increasing pan-Asian focus as part of continued global expansion**
- **To reinforce its multi-local approach and commitment to investors**

**Seoul, 3 December 2018** – Ardian, a world-leading private investment house, today announces the opening of an office in Eulji-ro, Seoul, South Korea. The office is Ardian's fourth in Asia, joining bases in Singapore, Beijing and Tokyo, which opened earlier this year. Ardian's global network now spans 15 offices across Europe, North and South America and Asia.

Ardian is the largest private investment house in Europe with assets of US\$82bn managed or advised in Europe, the Americas and Asia. Ardian's South Korean presence forms an important part of its international strategy, particularly in the Asia Pacific region. The office will be used as a hub for Ardian to serve its growing base of leading, domestic Korean institutional investors including pension funds as well as increase private equity investment in Korean companies, particularly through its funds of funds and co-investment pillars, real estate and services for investors.

The office will be led by Won Ha, a Director at Ardian. Mr Ha has been with Ardian since 2011, working across the funds of funds and investor relations activities out of the Singapore office.

Dominique Senequier, President of Ardian, said: "The opening of this office is an important part of our global strategy to meet the evolving needs of our investors as well as representing Ardian's strong commitment to Asia. With this office, we can now be even closer to our growing local investor base while also capitalizing on the best investment opportunities."

Jan Philipp Schmitz, Member of the Executive Committee of Ardian and Head of Asia, added: "Our investor base in Asia continues to expand, and it is a market which we see as a major growth opportunity for Ardian. We already have a dozen Korean clients accounting for more than \$1.4 billion assets under management."

Ardian now counts pension funds, insurance companies and family offices across its LP base in Asia, which comprises 750 investors in a number of different asset classes, including Secondary, Buyout, Infrastructure, and Private Debt.

Meanwhile, Ardian now has 122 investments across Asia representing \$3.5 billion in capital of which various fund and direct investments are also held in South Korea.

## ABOUT ARDIAN

Ardian is a world-leading private investment house with assets of US\$82bn managed or advised in Europe, the Americas and Asia. The company is majority-owned by its employees. It keeps entrepreneurship at its heart and focuses on delivering excellent investment performance to its global investor base.

Through its commitment to shared outcomes for all stakeholders, Ardian's activities fuel individual, corporate and economic growth around the world.

Holding close its core values of excellence, loyalty and entrepreneurship, Ardian maintains a truly global network, with more than 550 employees working from fifteen offices across Europe (Frankfurt, Jersey, London, Luxembourg, Madrid, Milan, Paris and Zurich), the Americas (New York, San Francisco and Santiago) and Asia (Beijing, Singapore, Tokyo and Seoul). It manages funds on behalf of around 750 clients through five pillars of investment expertise: Funds of Funds, Direct Funds, Infrastructure, Real Estate and Private Debt.

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