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ARDIAN INFRASTRUCTURE'S TEAM APPOINTS JOSEBA ECHAVE AS HEAD OF FINANCING



The appointment sees Ardan Infrastructure's team build out its operational platform, paving the way for another decade of growth and success

Paris, 30th September 2020 – Ardan, a world leading private investment house, today announces the appointment of Joseba Echave as Head of Financing for Ardan Infrastructure.

In this newly created role based in Luxembourg, Joseba will be responsible for negotiating and securing debt financing solutions for Ardan Infrastructure platform in Europe and in the Americas. The role is one of several global functions within the Infrastructure team, also including Deputy Head of Infrastructure, Head of Asset Management, CIO and COO, as well as regional and sector leads. The structure reflects the strong ambitions of the team, together forming a robust operational infrastructure to support its portfolio management and investments over the years to come.

Joseba joins from Cintra (Ferroviol Group), where he worked as Project Finance Director. He was responsible for the closing of infrastructure transactions in Europe and North America. During Joseba's career, he garnered 15 years of multi-faceted experience and was based in Paris (France), London (UK), Madrid (Spain) and Austin (Texas, US). He received his BA in Civil Engineering from the Polytechnic University of Madrid and an MBA from London Business School.

The Ardan Infrastructure team, which is led by Mathias Burghardt (Head), has grown significantly since its foundation in 2005, now comprising 50 professionals across eight offices. Ardan Infrastructure holds \$16bn AUM, investing assets across the transport, energy and telecoms sectors.

Mathias Burghardt, Head of Ardan Infrastructure, said: "Joseba is a fantastic addition to our team. His deep experience in American and European capital markets will further strengthen our investment and portfolio management practices. In an increasingly complex world, experiencing technological and macro-economic disruptions, our focus is on supporting infrastructure investments and managing our portfolio in a way that ensures a sustainable future for what are often vital community assets. Joseba will play an important role in helping us do that."

Joseba Echave, said: "At a time when infrastructure has a pivotal role to play, there are both opportunities and challenges ahead. Ardan Infrastructure is an international leader and I can't wait to play my part to help build on the team's strong track record, working with Mathias and the rest of the team to invest in and support key infrastructure assets."

ABOUT ARDIAN

Ardian is a world-leading private investment house with assets of 100 billion US dollars 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 690 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 1,000 clients through five pillars of investment expertise: Fund of Funds, Direct Funds, Infrastructure, Real Estate and Private Debt.

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