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Ardian strengthens the Buyout Team with the appointment of five new Managing Directors, including two external recruits

The two new hires and the three promotions bring the number of Managing Directors to 17.

Paris, October 29, 2020 – Ardian, a world-leading private investment house, today announces that it is strengthening its Buyout team with two new managing directors hired. Both of them will join the team during 2021 first quarter.

Scarlett Omar Broca and Heiko Geissler will join Ardian as Managing Directors in Paris and Frankfurt respectively.

- Scarlett joins from Goldman Sachs' Merchant Banking Division, where she spent over 13 years working in the Corporate Private Equity team, the last seven of which were focused on the French market.
- Heiko joins the firm from Montagu Private Equity and has over 14 years' experience in investing, having previously worked at 3i Group.

Ardian Buyout is further bolstered at the Managing Director level after three promotions - Nicolas Darnaud and Emmanuel Miquel in Paris, and Marco Bellino in Milan. The appointments come at a time of significant growth for the Buyout team, having also added three members in Paris and Madrid during the past year despite the uncertainty fueled by the coronavirus pandemic. The team is now composed of 50 investment professionals, including 17 Managing Directors, based in Paris, Madrid, London, Milan, Frankfurt and New York.

The Buyout team expanded to New York in 2019 and is now composed of four members. The variety of cultures and experience within this team places them in a great position to support either European or American businesses with transatlantic strategies.

Philippe Poletti, CEO Ardian France and Head of Ardian Buyout, said: "These appointments are a further step in growing our experienced Buyout team across Europe and the US, and demonstrate a clear vote of confidence in this area of the business. Both Scarlett and Heiko bring extensive relevant experience to our firm - we are delighted to welcome them to Ardian. We also congratulate Nicolas, Emmanuel and Marco on their promotions and thank them for their ongoing significant contributions to Ardian."

Ardian Buyout team acquires mid and large-cap companies in Europe and North America, applying transformational buy-and-build strategies which enable them to become global leaders in their sector, putting sustainability at the heart of their business. The multinational investment team works with leading players across multiple industries but has also developed special expertise in sectors including the Food Value Chain (Food & Beverage, Ingredients, Agribusinesses, Food Safety), Healthcare (Life Science Services, Pharmaceuticals, MedTech), Technology (Industrial Technologies, Software, e-Businesses, Media & Telecom) and Services (TIC, Logistics & Automation, Insurance Services, Engineering).

ABOUT ARDIAN

Ardian is a world-leading private investment house with assets of US\$100bn 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 700 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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