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### ARDIAN SELLS ITS STAKE IN IKOULA, LEADER IN CLOUD COMPUTING, TO SEWAN, A MAJOR PLAYER IN THE SIMPLIFICATION OF CORPORATE COMMUNICATIONS

**Paris, September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021** – Ardian, a world-leading private investment house, announces the sale of its stake in Ikoula, a long-standing French player in dedicated servers, outsourcing and cloud services, to Sewan, a French telecom scale-up and major industrial player in communications, connectivity and data hosting.

As a minority investor in Ikoula, Ardian has contributed significantly to the development of the company, particularly in Europe. The contribution of additional equity capital has enabled Ikoula to continue investing in continuous innovation and in building on its high quality of service. Importantly, this has allowed the company to establish itself as an independent leader in the cloud computing market.

Ikoula now has over 6,600 customers in 60 countries. Employing around 60 expert staff based in Boulogne-Billancourt and Reims, France; Ikoula has also developed its own data centers across France, and subsidiaries in the Netherlands and Spain. Its cloud computing solution, CloudIKOULAONE, is also available in three continents (Asia, United States and Europe).

Romain Chiudini, Managing Director of the Ardian Growth team, said: "We are proud of Ikoula's track record over the past few years. We have accompanied an entrepreneurial adventure which has turned Ikoula into an independent leader in the cloud computing. We are delighted to see Ikoula join forces with Sewan to create a player that will be able to offer a unique range of services for hosting critical applications and data."

Jules-Henri Gavetti, co-founder and CEO of Ikoula, said: "We would like to thank Ardian and in particular its Growth team for their invaluable support, which has enabled us to grow and take a leading position in our market. It is thanks to them and to this successful first step that we can now move closer to Sewan with whom we have very strong synergies. We are very happy to embark on this new adventure alongside an industrial company."

#### ABOUT ARDIAN

Ardian is a world-leading private investment house with assets of US\$114 billion 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 780 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 more than 1,200 clients through five pillars of investment expertise: Fund of Funds, Direct Funds, Infrastructure, Real Estate and Private Debt.

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## ABOUT IKOULA

Ikoula has been a pioneer of web and cloud computing hosting provider since 1998. The company owns two Data Centers in France (Reims and Laon), and puts innovation, simplicity and client satisfaction at the heart of its business. Since its creation, Ikoula relies on reactive and available teams to accompany customers in all of their projects.

Proud representative of French hosting, Ikoula is also an international company, with two subsidiaries (Spain and Holland) but also a Cloud solution available in America, Asia and Europe. This internationalization is in line with the problems of companies, namely to get as close as possible to their end customers.

The Ikoula teams speak more than 10 languages to effectively meet the needs of customers in over 60 countries on four continents.

<https://www.ikoula.com/fr>

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