

ABU DHABI  
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## Ardian extends global footprint with office in the United Arab Emirates

***Ardian's new office based at Abu Dhabi Global Market on Al Maryah Island reinforces its long-term commitment to providing a gateway between Europe and the UAE – and provides a stepping-stone into the wider region.***

**Ardian**, a world-leading private investment house, has today announced that it is opening an office in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates. This extension signals Ardian's strong commitment to the region and strengthens its crucial role as a gateway for investment between Europe and the UAE. The inauguration was attended by his Excellency the French Minister of the Economy and Finance, Bruno Le Maire, his Excellency Khaldoon Khalifa Al Mubarak, MD and Group CEO of Mubadala Investment Company, and Hamad Al Dhaheri, Global Head of Private Equity of Abu Dhabi Investment Authority.

Ardian's team in Abu Dhabi will serve its large base of local and regional investors and support its growing range of portfolio companies expanding into the region.

The new opening aligns with Ardian's ambition to provide clients with a tailored and local presence, in response to increasing investor demand. Ardian will work closely together with its LPs to share knowledge and strengthen relationships, developing globally diversified portfolios of the best that private investments have to offer.

The local team, under the supervision of François-Aïssa Touazi, Chairman Ardian Limited Abu Dhabi will be composed of senior representatives from both Ardian investment teams and support functions to provide client-support services in the region.

*"At the heart of Ardian's approach is close collaboration with our partners around the world. Our new office in the United Arab Emirates is therefore a natural progression as we continue with our strategy to evolve and grow globally. Having a local presence marks our commitment to the goals of developing strategic and long-standing partnerships in the region. We look forward to working alongside our long-standing partners in the region to provide new opportunities for growth".*

● DOMINIQUE SENEQUIER ● PRESIDENT OF ARDIAN

*"With our newly established office, Ardian looks forward to stepping up its role as a partner of choice for financial institutions in the Gulf region.*

*The UAE's core values of excellence, innovation, and development resonate strongly with Ardian's own values and alongside our portfolio companies, we are confident that our activity is well-aligned in supporting the UAE on its "We the UAE 2031" development path and will strengthen economic diversification".*

● FRANÇOIS-AÏSSA TOUAZI ● SENIOR MANAGING DIRECTOR & CHAIRMAN ARDIAN LIMITED ABU DHABI

Ardian has been active in the UAE and the region for two decades, responsible for \$25bn of AUM from more than 60 investors and \$8 billion of capital deployed in the region.

The Abu Dhabi opening marks the Ardian's 16<sup>th</sup> office globally.

Ardian offers a broad exposure to private markets through several activities:

Private Equity:

- Secondaries & Primaries
- Co-Investment
- Buyout
- Expansion
- Growth
- North America Fund

Real Assets:

- Infrastructure
- Real Estate
- Real Assets Debt

Credit:

- Private Credit
- NAV Financing

## **ABOUT ARDIAN**

Ardian is a world leading private investment house, managing or advising \$140bn of assets on behalf of more than 1,400 clients globally. Our broad expertise, spanning Private Equity, Real Assets and Credit, enables us to offer a wide range of investment opportunities and respond flexibly to our clients' differing needs. Through Ardian Customized Solutions we create bespoke portfolios that allow institutional clients to specify the precise mix of assets they require and to gain access to funds managed by leading third-party sponsors. Private Wealth Solutions offers dedicated services and access solutions for private banks, family offices and private institutional investors worldwide. Ardian is majority-owned by its employees and places great emphasis on developing its people and fostering a collaborative culture based on collective intelligence. Our 1,000+ employees, spread across 16 offices in Europe, the Americas, Asia and Middle East are strongly committed to the principles of Responsible Investment and are determined to make finance a force for good in society. Our

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