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Ardian arranges a unitranche financing to support the LBO of implid, a leading player in accounting, legal, and business consulting services

Ardian, a world-leading private investment firm, today announces the arrangement of a unitranche facility to support the primary LBO of implid and the entry of EMZ Partners as a minority shareholder alongside over fifty managers reinvesting in the transaction. The financing package also includes a sizeable, committed line to support the group's external growth strategy.

Founded in 1973, implid is a leading player in accounting, legal, and business consulting services in the Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes region. implid is the first company in France to offer the integrated expertise of more than 900 professionals: chartered accountants, statutory auditors, lawyers, notaries, judicial officers, as well as consultants and recruiters. This combination of regulated professions and high value-added services enables implid to meet all the needs of companies and their executives, in a constantly evolving regulatory and technological environment.

The group has experienced a strong growth trajectory, fueled by a successful digital transformation, and driven by robust organic momentum and strategic acquisitions carried out in recent years under the leadership of its founder, Jean-Loup Rogé, and the current management team.

"We are delighted to be partnering with Ardian, whose support will enable us to accelerate our development and take our collective project to the next level. We are now eager to roll out our growth strategy, combining organic development and external growth, to make implid a leading player on a national scale."

- JEAN-LOUP ROGÉ CEO AND FOUNDER OF implid GROUP
- "We are proud to support implid, its management team, and EMZ in this new phase of growth. The group has demonstrated a remarkable growth trajectory, supported by a comprehensive service offering and a strong regional presence. We are convinced that our partnership will help the group achieve its ambitions, through the consolidation of its existing expertise and strategic acquisitions."
- JEAN-DAVID PONSIN CO-HEAD PRIVATE CREDIT FRANCE, ARDIAN



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ABOUT ARDIAN

Ardian is a world-leading private investment firm, managing or advising \$180bn of assets on behalf of more than 1,850 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's main shareholding group is its employees and we place great emphasis on developing its people and fostering a collaborative culture based on collective intelligence. Our 1,050+ employees, spread across 19 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 goal is to deliver excellent investment performance combined with high ethical standards and social responsibility.

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