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Ardian Semiconductor invests in VSORA, an Innovative AI Inference Accelerator Fabless Company

Ardian, a global private investment firm, today announces that Ardian Semiconductor has completed a minority investment in VSORA, a France-based semiconductor fabless company designing next-generation AI inference accelerators for data center applications. This transaction represents Ardian Semiconductor's 4th investment and further expands its exposure across the AI & semiconductor value chain, following the acquisitions of IBS, Synergie Cad, and Centrotherm.

Through its investment, Ardian Semiconductor will support VSORA in accelerating its go-to-market strategy to strengthen the company's recognition across the value chain and reinforce VSORA's access to senior semiconductor industry expertise.

Founded in 2015 and headquartered in France, VSORA is a fabless chip design company focused on solving the "memory wall" challenge in accelerators used for AI inference workloads. The company has developed a highly differentiated architecture optimized for AI inference, delivering significant improvements in total cost of ownership, latency, and power efficiency. VSORA is the most advanced European player addressing a large and fast-growing market opportunity for AI accelerators optimized for inference applications having secured its position in the most advanced semiconductor supply chains.

VSORA is also a member of the AION consortium, which is led by Ardian, Artefact, Bull, Capgemini, EDF, the Iliad Group, Orange and Scaleway, and aims to launch an ambitious bid under the European Union's AI Gigafactories initiative.

Ardian invested alongside Management, existing shareholders, and new strategic and financial investors.

Ardian Semiconductor, a pioneering private equity investment platform dedicated to the semiconductor industry, was formed by Ardian through an exclusive strategic partnership with Silian Partners, a team of highly successful senior executives from the semiconductor industry totaling more than 140 years of experience, contributing unique industry relationships, strategic vision, and operational focus. Ardian and Silian Partners work as one team to bring innovative and flexible capital solutions, as well as strategic and operational capabilities, to transform strong technology companies into global leaders in their market segments. Ardian Semiconductor is uniquely positioned to seize opportunities in the semiconductor

industry, a critical enabler of the digital transformation, AI revolution and green transition of the global economy.

“Ardian Semiconductor’s investment validates our strategy and gives us the means to accelerate the deployment of Jotunn8 – in pursuit of one clear ambition: to make VSORA a global leader in AI inference.”

● **KHALED MALEJ** ● CO-FOUNDER & CEO, VSORA

“We are proud to invest in VSORA, which strongly aligns with our mission to support European semiconductor companies developing breakthrough technologies in high-growth segments. VSORA has the potential to become a key player in AI inference for datacenters, and we are committed to bringing the strategic, operational and financial resources required to support its ambition.”

● **LISE FAUCONNIER** ● CO-HEAD OF ARDIAN SEMICONDUCTOR AND SENIOR MANAGING DIRECTOR, ARDIAN

“We are highly impressed by VSORA’s breakthrough architecture, the exceptional expertise of its technical team, and its proven ability to execute against a complex and ambitious product roadmap. As demand for high-performance, energy-efficient AI inference solutions continues to accelerate, VSORA is uniquely positioned to address a critical market need. We look forward to supporting the management team as the company enters its next phase of growth, commercial expansion, and innovation.”

● **CHRISTOPHE DUVERNE** ● CO-FOUNDER & PARTNER, SILIAN PARTNERS

ABOUT ARDIAN

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ABOUT VSORA

VSORA is a French semiconductor company developing AI inference infrastructure designed to make AI deployment economically viable.

Its inference processor, Jotunn8, is purpose-built to overcome the memory wall, one of the main barriers to efficient AI inference, enabling operators to run AI with significantly lower infrastructure costs and energy consumption.

Following a successful tape-out in 2025, Jotunn8 is entering manufacturing. Designed for datacenter-scale inference workloads, it delivers the performance, efficiency, and economics required to scale AI in the real world.

Headquartered in France, VSORA is backed by the European Innovation Council (EIC) and works with leading industry partners, including TSMC and Global Unichip Corp (GUC), to bring next-generation AI processors from architecture to silicon.

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