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Ardian provides financing to support Astorg's investment in Barkene, a leading multi-specialist B2B technical services platform

Ardian, a global private investment firm, today announces that it has arranged a unitranche facility to support the LBO acquisition of Barkene by Astorg Mid-Cap, alongside the management team who have significantly reinvested as part of the transaction. The financing package also includes a sizeable committed line to support the group's active acquisition strategy.

Founded in 2018, Barkene has established itself as a leading multi-specialist provider of mission-critical technical services in France, operating across electronic security, fire safety, automatic doors and remote monitoring.

With close to 800 employees across 39 branches, Barkene combines deep technical expertise, a strong local presence and national coverage to serve a diversified customer base in a resilient market supported by regulatory requirements, compliance standards and recurring service demand.

"We are delighted to support Astorg and Barkene's management team, led by CEO Richard Weihart, in this new phase of the company's development. The company has established a leading platform with a strong track record of growth and successful integration, and we look forward to supporting its continued expansion and long-term ambitions."

● JEAN-DAVID PONSIN ● CO-HEAD PRIVATE CREDIT FRANCE, ARDIAN

With over two decades of experience, the Private Credit activity at Ardian is among Europe's most established players, applying a multi local approach to partner with private equity sponsors and management teams to advance the growth of high quality companies. This transaction adds to Ardian's track record of successful Private Credit investments and reflects a period of strong investment activity for the team.

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In a world of constant evolution, Ardian stands out for its ability to anticipate, adapt, and turn challenges into opportunities. As a global, diversified private markets firm with 22 offices and more than 350 investment professionals worldwide, we provide investment and customized solutions that reflect new economic dynamics and help our clients remain resilient in a changing world.
We deliver multi-local expertise and long-term performance for our investors and partners as well as shared value for the broader society. Since Ardian's inception in 1996, our pioneering approach to diversification and our ability to offer tailor-made solutions at scale have remained the heart of our strategy.
Through commitment, knowledge and technology, we bring lasting value to our companies and contribute positively to the whole industry.
Ardian currently manages or advises $200bn for more than 1,920 clients worldwide across Private Equity, Real Assets, and Credit.

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