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ARDIAN MARKS FIRST YEAR OF INDEPENDENCE WITH US\$50 BILLION OF ASSETS UNDER MANAGEMENT

Paris, October 2nd 2014. Ardian, the premium private investment company, announces today that, on the first anniversary of its spin-out from the AXA Group, it has reached a total of US\$50 billion under management. This is an increase of US\$14 billion during the first 12 months of independence.

During Ardian's first year, the company has been extraordinarily active, completing three major fundraisings and a broad range of transactions. Ardian closed its sixth generation fund on its Fund of Funds platform, with a grand total of US\$10 billion raised from investors worldwide; cemented its leading position in the European growth capital and buyout market with its third generation Expansion fund, which closed with a total of €500 million and surpassed expectations by raising €70 million with its latest Ardian Croissance fund.

On the investment side Ardian executed numerous transactions across all its platforms. The firm completed 21 acquisitions and 20 exits through its Direct activities and 3 debt financings through its private debt funds for more than €450 million. On the same period, the Fund of Funds team has invested more than US\$8 billion in secondaries in portfolios from sovereign funds and other major financial institutions.

Dominique Senequier, Founder and President of Ardian, said: "It has been an exceptional first year for Ardian, and one in which we have aligned ourselves more than ever with our clients' interests. Excellence, loyalty and entrepreneurship will continue to underpin our global view. Ardian's purpose now is to help companies expand and diversify their operations around the world - delivering jobs, economic growth and, ultimately, excellent returns to our investors."

Vincent Gombault, Managing Partner and Head of Funds of Funds and Private Debt at Ardian, said: “Over the last 18 years, the exceptional track-record of all our funds has won the trust of investors who value our long-term approach, experience and delivery of lasting value. It is for all these reasons that we have been able to successfully raise funds across such a broad range of our activities since our independence.”

Dominique Gaillard, Managing Partner and Head of Direct Funds at Ardian, added: “Our success as Ardian reflects our commitment to delivering the best results for our investors through strong partnerships with companies who we feel have real potential. We will continue to foster growth by supporting transformational strategies within our portfolio companies, maintaining our investment discipline to ensure that we invest and divest at the right time.”

ABOUT ARDIAN

Ardian, founded in 1996 and led by Dominique Senequier, is a premium independent private investment company with assets of US\$50bn managed or advised in Europe, North America and Asia. The company keeps entrepreneurship at its heart and delivers investment performance to its global investors while fuelling growth in economies across the world. Ardian’s investment process embodies three values: excellence, loyalty and entrepreneurship. Ardian’s employees form the largest shareholder group. Over 80 percent of employees have invested in the company, which is testament to their trust in the management and the corporate strategy.

Ardian maintains a truly global network, with more than 340 employees working through ten offices in Paris, London, New York, Beijing, Frankfurt, Jersey, Luxembourg, Milan, Singapore and Zurich. The company offers its 345 investors a diversified choice of funds covering the full range of asset classes, including Fund of Funds (primary, early secondary and secondary), Direct Funds including Infrastructure, Expansion, Mid Cap Buyout, Ardian Croissance, Co-Investment and Private Debt.

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