

PRESS RELEASE

**FRANCIS NISS APPOINTED AS NEW CHAIRMAN OF THE SUPERVISORY BOARD OF TRIGO**

**Paris, July 21, 2016** – Ardian and the TRIGO Group today announce the appointment of Francis Niss as Chairman of the Supervisory Board.

Following Ardian's recent majority investment in TRIGO Group, Francis Niss has been appointed Chairman of the Supervisory Board. Mr. Niss replaces John Notman-Watt, who steps down from the Board following the exit of IK Investment Partners, the previous majority owner of TRIGO.

Francis Niss has extensive experience in the transportation industry, most notably as President of the Aerospace and Transportation division of the Liebherr Group between 2006 and 2014. Since 2015, Mr. Niss has served as Chairman of the Supervisory Board of Germany's Sell GmbH (Zodiac Group) and also sits on the Board of Directors of Latécoère, the Toulouse-based aerospace supplier.

Commenting on his appointment, Mr. Niss said: "This is an exciting opportunity to participate in the next stage of growth of TRIGO and I am looking forward to work on it with Ardian, the other members of the Board and the management team".

### About TRIGO Group

Founded in 1997, TRIGO is a multinational company providing operational Quality Management solutions for the manufacturing sector, especially in the transportation industries. With a team of more than 7,000 professionals present in 20+ countries across 4 continents, TRIGO offers a comprehensive portfolio of Quality Inspection, Engineering and Management Services all along the supply chain.

For more information, please visit [www.trigo-group.com](http://www.trigo-group.com)

### About ARDIAN

Ardian, founded in 1996 and led by Dominique Senequier, is an independent private investment company with assets of US\$55bn managed or advised in Europe, North America and Asia. The company, which is majority-owned by its employees, 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 maintains a truly global network, with more than 430 employees working through twelve offices in Paris, London, Frankfurt, Milan, Madrid, Zurich, New York, San Francisco, Beijing, Singapore, Jersey and Luxembourg. The company offers its 490 investors a diversified choice of funds covering the full range of asset classes through Ardian Funds of Funds (comprising primary, early secondary and secondary

activities), Ardian Private Debt, Ardian Direct Funds (comprising Ardian Mid Cap Buyout, Ardian Expansion, Ardian Growth and Ardian Co-Investment), Ardian Infrastructure, Ardian Real Estate and customized mandate solutions with Ardian Mandates.

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