

PRESS RELEASE

Ikoula accelerates European growth with Ardian investment

Paris, June 5th 2014 – Ardian, the premium independent private investment company, today announces the acquisition of a c.20% stake in Ikoula, a major France-based cloud computing company. Self-financed since its creation, Ardian's support and expertise will enable Ikoula to accelerate its European growth strategy.

Founded in 1998 by Jules-Henri Gavetti and Caroline Mertens, Ikoula specialises in web and cloud hosting solutions. Thanks to its data center in France, the company has been able to adapt its infrastructure and its offer in response to rapid recent advances in technology. Ikoula serves more than 6,000 clients, ranging from small to large companies, across three business lines.

Ikoula's Express product provides packaged and flexible solutions delivered online; the Enterprise Services division manages tailor-made cloud hosting with dedicated high value services; and the Ex10 department offers cloud collaborative solutions deployed in white label format.

Jules-Henri Gavetti, President and Founder, said: "This additional support and equity from Ardian will enable us to consider further European growth opportunities, as well as supporting our ongoing strategy of continued innovation and service improvement."

Antoine Lacour, Director within Ardian's Innovation & Growth team, said: "Ikoula has a very strong management team, which has the ability to innovate within a fast growing market. Ardian is delighted to be able to support the company in the next major stage of its development in Europe, and we will play an active role supporting the business in its acquisition strategy."

ABOUT IKOULA

Ikoula is a web and cloud computing hosting provider since 1998. The company owns its datacenters in France which host more than 5,000 IT environments for about 6,000 client companies. Ikoula is a pioneer of green hosting solutions and puts innovation, simplicity and client satisfaction at the heart of its business. The French hosting provider:

Express Hosting: Packaged and flexible hosting solutions from domain names to dedicated physical and virtual servers available from an online store;

Enterprise Services: tailor made hosting solutions provided with value added managed services;

EX10: a platform of Cloud collaborative solutions, designed for retailers and IT integrators.

ABOUT ARDIAN

Ardian, founded in 1996 and led by Dominique Senequier, is a premium independent private investment company with assets of US\$47bn 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, entrepreneurship.

Ardian maintains a truly global network, with more than 330 employees working through ten offices in Beijing, Frankfurt, Jersey, London, Luxembourg, Milan, New York, Paris, Singapore, and Zurich. The company offers its 300 investors a diversified choice of funds covering the full range of asset classes, including Direct Funds: Infrastructure, Expansion and Mid Cap Buyout, Innovation & Growth, Co-Investment, Funds of Funds (primary, early secondary and secondary), and Private Debt.

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