

# ARDIAN

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### ARDIAN'S CO-INVESTMENT ACTIVITY FINALIZES ITS SEVENTH EXIT IN 12 MONTHS

Particularly active over a year, the team has also completed six new co-investments

**Paris, November 12, 2014** – Ardian, the premium independent private investment company, today announces that it has sold seven stakes in companies since October 2013, through its Co-Investment activity, including four in the US and three in Europe. Ardian, through its dedicated Co-Investment funds has also acquired six participations, two in Europe and four in the US providing its investors with access to diversified direct investment transactions.

Since its creation in 2005, the Co-Investment team of Ardian has invested more than 2 billion dollars in 52 transactions over the world. The activity benefits from Ardian's excellent relationships with the world's biggest private equity General Partners via its Fund of Funds department to gain access to the best opportunities of the market.

These exits include sales of participations in companies such as Rexel, the French electrical components manufacturer, NXP, the Dutch semiconductor specialist, Spirit, the US producer of airliner fuselage components, or Allison Transmission, a worldwide leading manufacturer of automatic transmissions for vehicles. The team also benefitted from a strong dealflow to complete six acquisitions of minority stakes in high growth potential companies such as Acino (Switzerland), Newrest (France), Electronic Funds Source (US) or MultiPlan (US).

Alexandre Motte, Head of Co-Investment at Ardian, said: "Over the last few years, the co-investment has become a strategy in itself. By involving co-investors, fund managers can strengthen their relationships with limited partners, while co-investors can also gain access to large deals. Our strong level of activity confirms the success of our diversified investment strategy which offers access to private companies all over the world to our clients, in various sectors, alongside major investment funds."

#### ABOUT THE CO-INVESTMENT ACTIVITY AT ARDIAN

The Co-Investment activity offers, through minority participations alongside financial investors, industrials or family offices, a direct exposure to companies with high growth potential, notably in the US which represents almost the half of co-investments completed by Ardian over the last five years. With 900 funds in the Fund of Funds portfolio, the co-investment team has a privileged access to opportunities alongside the best sponsors. Besides, the dedicated team allows to be reactive, selective and to contribute to value creation

## 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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