

Weinberg Capital Partners supports Albaron, a leading player in quality assessment and audit

Weinberg Capital Partners acquires a stake in Albaron, a leading player in quality assessment and auditing, in order to support its CEO in building a multi-expertise platform in the Testing, Inspection, Certification and Compliance (TICC) sector.

The Albaron Group, currently operates through three brands: 4 As, Sunnikan Consulting, and Calix. Taken over in 2019 by Charles-Antoine de Fontenay, its current CEO, 4 As has established itself as a specialist in QSE certifications, external quality assessments of social and medico-social establishments and services, as well as quality control of training organizations and Qualiopi certification.

Eager to expand its expertise in a context of growing regulatory requirements in France and Europe, Charles-Antoine de Fontenay broadened the group's scope in 2023 with the acquisition of Sunnikan Consulting, a recognized player in quality management for clinical research and pharmacovigilance.

Weinberg Capital Partners' investment now enables the continuation of this external growth strategy with the integration of Calix, a QSE consulting firm also active in human resources services. This transaction reflects a shared ambition to consolidate the market and build a leading platform for consulting and assessment in the fields of healthcare and sustainability, serving Albaron's clients.

For Weinberg Capital Partners, this marks the fifth investment of the LBO WCP #4 fund, following Arbevel (now Montpensier-Arbevel), Groupe ProNet, Cosmogen, and Summa.

Dimitri Fotopoulos, Partner at Weinberg Capital Partners, states: *"We have been following Albaron since its takeover by Charles-Antoine de Fontenay and are impressed by the group's progress. We are delighted to support it in a new phase of growth, focused on issues related to sustainable development."*

Charles-Antoine de Fontenay, Chairman and CEO of Albaron, adds: *"We were convinced by the LBO team's highly professional yet human approach, and we are very enthusiastic about entering this new phase of structuring and growth with the support of Weinberg Capital Partners."*

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About Albaron

Albaron brings together three companies specializing in quality and environmental consulting and assessment (4 As, Sunnikan Consulting, and Calix), each with over 20 years of expertise in their respective fields. Albaron holds leading positions in several niche markets, such as quality assessment in Social and Medico-Social Establishments and Services, QSE & CSR consulting and auditing, clinical quality management, and quality control in vocational training.

About Weinberg Capital Partners

Founded in 2005, Weinberg Capital Partners is an independent investment company historically active in buy-out capital, which expanded its field of intervention to real estate assets in 2008. In 2020, Weinberg Capital Partners added its capacity to invest in SMEs/mid-caps with a minority strategy focused on sustainable development issues, which offers extra-financial support known as impact, to better prepare companies for environmental and societal challenges. In 2023, Weinberg Capital Partners created a new fund, Eiréné, dedicated to the development of SMEs/mid-caps in the security and defense sector. In 2024, the company continued its growth in private equity with the launch of a co-investment fund, WCP Co-Invest. With €1,9 billion of assets under management, Weinberg Capital Partners is a significant player in the mid-market equity segment in France.

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