

Weinberg Capital Partners announces a new closing of €275 million for its Eiréné fund, dedicated to defense and security

Weinberg Capital Partners, a leading private equity firm in the small and mid-cap segment in France, announces that it has reached a new milestone for its Eiréné fund, which now stands at €275 million in commitments. This new closing, representing more than €60 million in additional commitments, confirms the attractiveness and relevance of the fund's investment strategy.

Launched in 2020, Eiréné is the first LBO fund specifically dedicated to supporting SMEs and mid-cap companies in the defense and security sector. After an initial closing of €100 million in February 2023, followed by a second closing of €215 million in February 2025, the fund was reopened with the agreement of its existing investors in order to respond to numerous requests from institutional and private LPs wishing to participate in this project. This operation has enabled new investors, including some international ones, to come on board, demonstrating the growing interest in this strategic sector.

Under the leadership of Lionel Mestre, Partner and Managing Director of Eiréné, the team, composed of defense and finance specialists, has already completed four transformative acquisitions:

- Semip-Codechamp, European leader in high-performance angular position sensors;
- Chesneau Serret, recognized specialist in high-precision mechanics;
- Magellium Artal, an expert in satellite image processing and digital mapping;
- Groupe Adit, a key player in strategic intelligence and economic sovereignty.

Eiréné's investment thesis is based on acquiring stakes in SMEs and mid-cap companies from the Defense Industrial and Technological Base (BITD) in order to support and accelerate their development. The objective is to build industrial champions capable of sustainable growth in France and internationally, leveraging structural strengths:

- technological excellence;
- fast-growing markets in France and abroad;
- a dual positioning (civilian and defense) that promotes growth and diversification;
- strong external growth potential in a sector that is still fragmented.

Lionel Mestre, Partner and Managing Director of Eiréné expertise at Weinberg Capital Partners, said:

"This new and final closing demonstrates investors' renewed confidence in the strategy put in place to support and develop the defense and security industries. It reaffirms our commitment to supporting the consolidation and growth of an industrial sector of excellence. Through our Eiréné fund, we are

contributing directly to French and European sovereignty, while strengthening the financing and innovation capabilities of companies in the sector."

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The right time – The right team

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.

Weinberg Capital Partners is a signatory of the PRI, a member of the International Climate Initiative and an active responsible investor.

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