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**PRESS RELEASE**

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# **Weinberg Capital Partners launches WCP Eiréné Development, a new fund dedicated to small-cap LBO and growth capital in defense**

**Weinberg Capital Partners, a leading private equity firm in the small and mid-cap segment, announces the launch of WCP Eiréné Development, a new fund positioned in small-cap LBO and growth capital dedicated to defense and security companies.**

## **A fund designed to meet a growing financing need**

WCP Eiréné Development follows directly in the footsteps of the WCP Eiréné fund, launched in 2021, and complements Weinberg Capital Partners' offering in the defense and security segment. With a target size of €120 million, this new vehicle aims to deploy investment tickets ranging from €5 million to €15 million. This positioning addresses a growing need among SMEs within the defense technological and industrial base (DTIB), which require significant equity financing to fund their R&D, international expansion, industrial scale-up, and generational transfers.

The fund will target primary and secondary LBO and growth capital transactions, majority or minority, with 10 to 15 targeted investments in France and Europe. It will be classified as Article 8 under the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation (SFDR).

## **A clear strategy that is complementary to WCP Eiréné**

WCP Eiréné Development will fully benefit from the experience accumulated and the long-term relationships built by the WCP Eiréné fund with the entire defense ecosystem, in order to support smaller companies that are strongly represented in the defense and security industry. The two funds together form a coherent and complementary offering, covering the full spectrum of financing for DTIB companies, from small-cap to mid-cap.

Drawing on their deep sector knowledge, Lionel Mestre, Partner, and David Lebain, Senior Director, will lead the fund, supported by a dedicated team for the deployment of this new vehicle.

### **Weinberg Capital Partners, a pioneer in defense financing**

WCP Eiréné Development is the second defense and security-focused fund launched by Weinberg Capital Partners. In 2021, the firm played a pioneering role by launching WCP Eiréné, the first private equity fund dedicated to financing SMEs and mid-sized companies within the DTIB.

Following a first close in early 2023, the fund today stands at €275 million and holds four portfolio investments: Semip-Codechamp, Chesneau Serret x LGB, Magellium Artal Group, and Groupe Adit, illustrating the diversity and richness of the players that make up the French DTIB.

With this new vehicle, Weinberg Capital Partners reaffirms its position as a leading financier of French defense, committed to its consolidation, influence, and sovereignty.

**Serge Weinberg, Chairman of Weinberg Capital Partners, states:** *"As a pioneer in defense investment, Weinberg Capital Partners is taking a new step with this fund dedicated to small DTIB companies. This vehicle will allow us to multiply origination synergies, build on our sector expertise, and leverage the experience gained in managing a portfolio of defense companies."*

**Lionel Mestre, Partner | WCP Eiréné & WCP Eiréné Development, adds:** *"The small-cap segment is very dynamic within the DTIB. It offers numerous investment opportunities, in majority or minority stakes, in companies that have developed recognized technologies or know-how with strong international growth prospects."*

## **Weinberg Capital Partners**

### **The right time – The right team**

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#### **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. In 2026, Weinberg Capital Partners announces the launch of its Private Wealth activity, dedicated to private clients and also the introduction of a new fund, WCP Eiréné Development. With c.€1.8 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.

Weinberg Capital Partners supports Télémaque, an association for equal opportunities in education.

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