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## IDINVEST INTRODUCES FRENCH SMEs TO CHINESE CORPORATES IN LA ROCHELLE

On the 24<sup>th</sup> September, three of Idinvest Partners' portfolio companies (Nenuphar, Vulcain Technologies and Forsee Power) participated in a roundtable hosted by Fondation Prospective et Innovation during its "PME: Horizon Chine" seminar in La Rochelle. This annual seminar aims to open dialogue and dig out opportunities between French SMEs and Chinese corporates, with much focus paid this year to sectors such as green technologies, healthcare and well-being. Nenuphar, Vulcain Technologies and Forsee Power shared their views and experiences on the role SMEs can play in developing green economy in China, a topic of much importance in China's public policies.



*Idinvest and Vulcain, Forsee Power and Nénuphar with Jean-Pierre Raffarin, Senator and former Prime Minister, Ms. Yuanyuan Gao, Counselor of Economic and Commercial Affairs in the Chinese Embassy in France, and Dominique Bussereau, President of Departmental Council of Charente-Maritime and Member of Parliament.*

Bringing together close to 400 participants including former politicians, corporate groups, entrepreneurs, financing institutions and researchers, this seminar was opened by former Prime Minister of France Jean-Pierre Raffarin, the economy & trade counsel-minister at the Chinese embassy in France Ms. Yuanyuan GAO and Member of Parliament Dominique Bussereau. A delegation of top-tier Chinese corporates including China National Aero-Technology Import & Export Corporation, Sichuan YiFeng Electronics Science & Technologie Co. and Bank of China Paris were also invited, whom Nenuphar, Vulcain Technologies and Forsee Power were introduced to through Idinvest.

Idinvest Partners has been strongly committed to developing cross-fertilization between European entrepreneurs and China and intends to create many similar opportunities to forge stronger bridges between both sides.

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