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Idinvest strengthens its ISIA team with the appointment of Damien Boulangeat as Investment Manager

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Today Idinvest Partners announces the arrival of Damien Boulangeat as Investment Manager, joining the Idinvest SME Industrial Assets (ISIA) team. His recruitment serves to strengthen a management team already boosted by the recent arrival of an Investment Director.

Reporting to Sylvain Makaya, Associate Director, Damien will be involved in researching, negotiating and structuring investments as well as analysing risks and managing potential disputes.

“We are delighted to welcome Damien, whose skills and experience complement those of the existing team. His arrival illustrates our desire to build our team and strengthen expertise, so that we can continue to help SMEs respond to the challenges of competitiveness and productivity that they are confronted with by proposing custom-made, flexible financing solutions.”, explains Sylvain Makaya, Partner of the ISIA fund.

Damien joins Idinvest Partners following a six-year stint at Chetwode, a specialist in financing medium-sized industrial companies. As Transaction Manager, he was in charge of researching, negotiating and analysing transactions as well as managing disputes. In addition, he gained substantial experience in the creation and structuring of funds, as well as their administrative management. Damien played a very active role in the creation of the PREDIREC Strategic Leasing Fund, a €220m mutual fund launched by Acofi Gestion and Chetwode in July 2014. Damien holds an MSc in Management from the IESEG Management School and boasts an excellent track record, having carried out more than 50 transactions.

Idinvest launched the ISIA fund in October 2017 as a response to market demand and growing SME requirements for custom-made asset financing solutions. By providing lease financing for the acquisition of production tools, the Fund allows company directors to optimise their cash management, whilst benefiting from the latest generation of technology and machinery at a reasonable cost. Initially targeting a €300m closing, ISIA has already successfully raised €250m. The fund has already completed 3 transactions since inception and envisages around 50 transactions over the next three years. The ISIA fund benefits from the support of the European Investment Fund (EIF) as well as high-profile French and European institutional investors.

About Idinvest

With more than €9 billion under management, Idinvest Partners is a leading pan-European private equity firm focused on the mid-market segment. Idinvest Partners has developed several complementary areas of expertise including: investments in innovative European start-ups; midmarket direct lending (unitranche, senior loans and junior financing); primary and secondary investments in unlisted European companies, and private equity consulting. Founded under the name AGF Private Equity in 1997, Idinvest Partners was formerly part of Allianz until 2010 when it became an independent firm.

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