



Press Release

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Merger plan between N.I. Partners and iXEN Partners under study

In connection with NPE's development towards management on behalf of third parties, the Private Equity division of Natixis is studying the merger between N.I. Partners and iXEN Partners to consolidate its mid cap presence on the French market.

The new entity would comprise twenty or more highly-experienced professional investors. The planned strategy would involve minority and majority investments of a unitary amount ranging between €10 and €80 million in the capital stock of SMEs with reported revenues of €50 to €500 million. Ultimately, it would focus on equity contributions to expanding companies in addition to complex capital development and buy-out/buy-in deals alongside family shareholders or experienced management teams.

In order to study the plan, Jean-Paul Bernardini and Pierre Rispoli will be respectively appointed Chairman of the board of iXEN Partners and Chief Executive Officer of N.I. Partners.

The main investments of iXEN Partners and N.I. Partners include:
Ceva, Saverglass, Buffalo Grill, Coventya, Labco, Malherbe, Gerflor, Maisons du Monde, Plastisud, Newrest (....)

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