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## AUGUST DEBOUZY ASSISTED WARRANT HUB (TINEXTA GROUP) IN ITS ACQUISITION OF A MAJORITY STAKE IN ABF GROUP



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August Debouzy, in coordination with the international law firm Gianni & Origoni, assisted Warrant Hub S.p.A. - a subsidiary of Tinexta S.p.A. a leading digital services provider listed in the Italian stock exchange - in the acquisition of a majority stake in ABF Group S.A.S, a holding company of ABF Décisions, a leading French public finance consulting and engineering company.

The remaining 26.1 percent of the share capital of ABF Group S.A.S will continue to be held by the three founding partners - who will retain managerial and management roles in the company - and for a minority share by some managers.

The enterprise value for 100% of ABF Group has been estimated at 155 million euros.

This transaction will enable Tinexta group, already present in France and Spain, to consolidate its position as a major player in supporting innovation and business growth in Europe.

ABF Décisions will also capitalise on the expertise of the Tinexta group in order to accelerate its growth and maintain its leading position on the French market.

August Debouzy - in collaboration with the firm Gianni & Origoni - assisted Warrant Hub with a team coordinated by partner Valéry Denoix De Saint Marc and composed of senior associate David Neuwirth and associate Ludovic de Talancé regarding the transactional and corporate aspects of the deal, partner Philippe Durand and senior associate Alexandre Dumortier regarding the employment aspects of the deal and Laure Bonin and Emmanuel le Galoc'h regarding the financing aspects of the deal.

On due diligence, the AD team was also composed of: Alexandra Berg Moussa (partner), Marc-Antoine Piquier and Paul Vialard (associate) on the contractual aspects, Laure Bonin (partner) and Emmanuel Le Galloc'h (senior associate) on the financing aspects, Vincent Brénot (partner) and Guillaume Potin (senior associate) on the public law and regulatory aspects, Guillaume Aubatier (partner) and Charles Poulain (associate) on the real estate aspects, Florence Chafiol (partner) and Ariane Seyed-Movaghar (associate) on the data & IT aspects, Pierre Pérot (senior associate) and Inès Bouzayen (associate) on the IP aspects, Benjamin Van Gaver (partner) and Benjamin Sabbagh Zadeh (associate) on the litigation aspects, Olivier Attias (partner) and Claire Li (associate) on the compliance aspects.

The firm Gianni & Origoni acted with a team coordinated by senior partner Francesco Gianni and composed of partner Alberto Recchia and managing associate Alessandro Meringolo. Aurignac Finance acted as financial advisor of Tinexta for this transaction.

The sellers and ABF Group S.A.S. were assisted by international law firm Goodwin Procter (France) LLP with a team consisting of partner Benjamin Garçon and associate Rodolphe Amaudric du Chaffaut and Ornelle Youkharibache for the M&A aspects, and Marie-Laure Bruneel for the tax aspects. Clearwater international acted as financial advisor of the sellers for this transaction.

The law firm Cornet Vincent Ségurel with a team consisting of partner Matthieu Guignard, associate Angélique Merienne and legal counsel Cemile Köklü advised the lenders led by Banque CIC Ouest on financing aspects of this transaction.

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