

FINAL CLOSING - €200 M

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Capzantine announces the final closing of its first call for funds at €200 M in view of banking leverage in the process of finalisation. Coupled with a management fund of €40 M, Capzantine now has total investment capacity of €240 M.

Subscribers include industrial families, chief executives, institutionals and funds of funds. Capzantine is an independent fund, thereby ensuring maximum reactivity and total freedom from conflicts of interest.

Capzantine's approach, unique on the private equity market in France, is to invest in both equity and mezzanine financing. Capzantine is therefore able to offer financing solutions to meet a wide range of situations. The fund acts as a mezzaniner for companies with market capitalisations of €10 to 200 M.

Amounts invested per deal range from €3 to 20 M. Capzantine is able to arrange mezzanine financing for larger sums through subsequent syndication and in partnership with one of its leading subscribers.

The fund's three managing partners, Thierry Degroote, David Hoppenot and Christophe Karvelis, have put together a team of 7 professionals.

Capzantine has so far made some ten investments, for the most part as arranger, either in mezzanine financing as part of deals organised by private equity funds (Iindex, Bénédicte, etc.), or through LBOs such as in the case of Bois & Chiffons.