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Capzantine Announces the Final Closing of Its Third Fund at Its Hard Cap

Capzantine, a specialist equity and mezzanine financing provider in the French small and mid-cap segment, is pleased to announce the final close of its latest vehicle, Capzantine 3, at its hard cap (€350 million), exceeding its initial target of €300 million. Athos Partners acted as sole placement advisor and SJ Berwin acted as the fund's legal council.

David Hoppenot, Founding Partner at Capzantine, said: "In a particularly difficult economic climate, we are delighted to have reached the fund's hard-cap. This is a reward to the hard work of our committed and first-class team. We are also very pleased that our existing investors renewed their vote of confidence in us and that we managed to attract new European institutional investors, who have believed in our unique positioning and strategy".

The Capzantine team has completed more than 50 transactions since its establishment, which proves the relevance of the team's investment strategy. Capzantine 3 will invest €7 to €50 million per transaction to continue supporting small and medium sized companies with an enterprise value of €20 to €300 million.

In the first half of 2013, the Capzantine team was very active, with the completion of Capzantine 3's first investments (ECS Group - the global leader on the air cargo management services market, and Bretèche Industrie - leading supplier of manufacturing equipment for the agro-food industry) in addition to the realisation of its investments in Entrepose and Socotec, and a partial exit from BVA. More recently, Capzantine decided to pursue its partnership with the Flexitallic group alongside the Bridgepoint Fund, its new majority shareholder.

ABOUT CAPZANTINE ...

Founded in 2004, Capzantine is an independent investment fund and a pioneer in combined equity and mezzanine investment. It supports businesses in their quest for growth, providing financial and industrial expertise to help them successfully achieve their development and transfer phases. Depending on the circumstances, Capzantine invests as a majority or minority shareholder and/or as a mezzanine provider in small and mid-cap companies with an enterprise value of 20 million to 300 million euros. Based in Paris and run by its partners, Capzantine currently has € 920 million in assets under management. Its portfolio includes companies such as ECS Group, Dodie, Nerim, Promovacances, Datawords, Céréalia, Groupe Bertrand and Toulousaine-Profalux.

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