

Press Release

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LBO France and Capzanine invest in DCI (*Data Concept Informatique*) to strengthen the management's strategy of strong growth.

DCI (www.dci.fr) has specialised for the past 20 years in the integration of IT and telecom infrastructure solutions. Today, its offering is based on a range of services and solutions dedicated to security, network, system, IP telephony, and hosting infrastructures for SMEs and Blue-chip Companies. DCI, now one of the leading independent infrastructure integrators in France, particularly in the security field, has increased its annual sales by more than 20% during the last three years and has opened four regional branches over this same period.

This MBO (*Management Buy Out*) on the DCI group allows LBO France and Capzanine to join the pool of several members of the historical management team, including Nicolas Ippolito – former Managing Director and new Chairman of DCI – which strengthens its equity investment. In connection with this transaction, EPF Partners is closing its minority investment initiated in May 2007.

With the financial support of its new partners, DCI now has the necessary means to pursue its ambitious growth plans, mainly the acceleration of regional branch openings, the reinforcement of its sales teams, and the completion of acquisitions targeted on new areas of technological expertise. LBO France (www.lbofrance.com), which developed this transaction and invested €13.5 M through the Hexagone III fund, is backed by Capzanine (www.capzanine.com), which has an equity stake of €4.5 M and is arranging the mezzanine financing.