

Capzanine 3 holds first close at €200 million at the end of July

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- ◆ First close reached after six months of fundraising
- ◆ Strong support from existing investors
- ◆ Endorsed by highly regarded European institutional investors

The Capzanine team announces a first close of its latest Fund, Capzanine 3, at €200 million. After starting its fundraising late January 2012, the Fund has attracted both existing and new institutional investors, including Amundi Private Equity Funds, the European Investment Fund, Golding Capital Partners, Groupe Agrica and OFI Asset Management.

Capzanine 3 is the continuation of a successful strategy implemented by the Capzanine team since 2004. The Fund will provide equity and mezzanine financing to well established French Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) valued between €25 to €200 million, with strong business models and leading market positions.

David Hoppenot, Founding Partner at Capzanine, said:

“We have had a very active first half of 2012 supporting six promising companies, providing liquidity to our investors with two exits and swiftly reaching the first close of our third fund. This shows our capacity to deliver even in challenging market conditions.”

Laurent Bénard, Partner at Capzanine, said:

“Institutional investors benefit from our positioning, particularly in the current economic climate, where the scarcity of bank financing makes us an interesting partner for many entrepreneurs, managers and private equity firms.”

About Capzanine

Since 2005, Capzanine 1 (€203 million) and Capzanine 2 (€325 million) have completed 61 transactions, supporting companies in the French small cap and lower mid-cap market. With its highly experienced team, Capzanine provides both mezzanine and equity solutions to successful entrepreneurs, managers and private equity firms, looking for a partner with longstanding institutional private equity, mezzanine and operational experience.

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