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Artemid Senior Loan II is participating in the financing of Paragon, a group specialised in solutions dedicated to documents management, ID and traceability

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To finance its dynamic external growth strategy, Paragon has selected private bonds as a long run financing solution. The first €52m Euro PP issued in December 2016 gave Paragon crucial flexibility and responsiveness to win competitive M&A processes. In the first half of 2018, Paragon carried out a new Euro PP bond issue for an amount of €84m in order to rebuild its financial resources dedicated to the build-up strategy.

Artemid has been financing Paragon since 2016, with participations in the two Euro PP issuances for significant amounts.

Laurent Salmon, Chief Financial Officer for Paragon, said: “Artemid represents a robust, long-term partner. The level of transparency we have together is a sign of mutual trust.”

“Paragon’s success in 2017 M&A processes is a very good example of the competitive advantage conferred by private bond financing to acquisitive companies” said Cyril Roblin, Principal at Artemid.

Paragon was advised by the Euro PP teams of Crédit Agricole Corporate and Investment Bank.

The 100% management-held Paragon group provides a broad spectrum of value-added solutions and services, including data flow management between companies and their clients or prospective clients (digitalization, rematerialization), traceability and ID, but also graphic services. In 2017 Paragon reported a turnover of €642m. The group has 5,000 employees in 12 countries.

About Artemid

Artemid SAS is a joint-venture of Capzanine and Amiral Gestion. It advises the funds of the Artemid range, which provide senior financing solutions, with maturities between five and seven years to European SME and mid-cap companies, both listed and unlisted, with revenues ranging from €50m to €1bn. Artemid funds are dedicated to provide the accurate solution to companies considering acquisitions, capex or refinancing, with commitments up to €50m. The Artemid funds have raised €750m since their creation

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