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Press release

ARCHE MC2 GROUP REFINANCES ITS DEBT

The Arche MC2 group, the leading software publisher for the social care ecosystem in France, is pursuing its development strategy and has selected Ardian as a new financing partner. These new resources will allow the group to accelerate its external growth strategy.

Capitalizing on strong results and a solid growth trajectory, the company has refinanced the debt undertaken as part of the March 2021 merger with Cityzen, as well as bonds held by financial investors, and proceeded to a share buyback.

The operation, which attracted significant interest from world-class lenders thanks to the company's outstanding characteristics, was largely oversubscribed. The company ultimately decided to partner with world-leading private investment house Ardian, which is providing the entirety of the new unitranche financing.

The financing package, which includes a sizeable committed undrawn line, will enable the group, which thereby reaffirms its position as the leading software publisher for the social care ecosystem in France, to accelerate its external growth strategy, following the acquisitions of Ogust (2019), Cityzen (2021), and Solware Life (2023).

Guillaume Bouillot, president of Arche MC2 group, says: *"I am pleased with this new backing from Ardian, which highlights Arche MC2 Groupe's commitment and capability to pursue its growth trajectory both organically and through acquisitions."*

Grégory Pernet, Co-Head of Private Credit France and Managing Director of Ardian, says: *"We are excited to partner with Arche MC2 Group on this new growth chapter, together with its management team and shareholders. The Group has demonstrated its ability to grow both organically and through acquisitions, and we believe that our tailor-made financing solution is well suited to its ambitious strategy for the coming years."*

Christophe Parier and Alexandre Masson, Managing Partners of Activa Capital, added: *"This new critical phase for Arche MC2 Group aligns with our commitment to supporting ambitious entrepreneurs in innovative services, aiding them in accelerating their group's growth trajectory."*

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