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SWEN Capital Partners co-invests with Argos Climate Action Fund in Groupe Routin, a French manufacturer of high-end syrups and beverage ingredients.

- **SWEN Capital Partners, through its French Private Equity multi-strategy fund, SWEN Territoires Innovants 4, supports the leading European environmental buyout fund Argos Climate Action in its investment in Groupe Routin.**
- **Groupe Routin is a French-based manufacturer of high-end syrups and beverage ingredients, who is a front-runner in environmental, social, and governance (ESG) matters.**
- **Aligned with Argos Climate Action's objectives, SWEN Capital Partners will support Groupe Routin's international expansion and environmental transition.**

SWEN Capital Partners, an investor in Argos Climate Action, Europe's leading "Grey to Green" buyout fund, co-invests in the Fund's second acquisition. The Argos Climate Action Fund is a mid-market private equity buyout fund that aims to accelerate the decarbonisation of European SMEs.

Aligned with Argos Climate Action's decarbonisation objective, SWEN Capital Partners has also committed primary commitment to the Fund in addition to the co-investment in Groupe Routin.

Over the past 15 years, SWEN Capital Partners has built strong relations with fund managers, providing client access to a diversified range of private investment opportunities in the primary markets, secondary markets or through direct investments.

Groupe Routin is already distributing its products in 84 countries and aims to pursue its international development, particularly in the United States. At the same time, in line with Argos Climate Action's purpose, a special emphasis will be made on accelerating its already active and progressive environmental transition by focusing on decarbonisation, water savings, and the naturality of recipes. Offering more sustainable products and further enhancing the environmental performance of the company will meet collective expectations and reinforce Routin's differentiation in the market.

Groupe Routin is a French-based manufacturer of high-end syrups and ingredients for creative drinks. Founded more than 140 years ago (in 1883), the company has built its reputation on a wealth of purely local know-how, agility and a high level of service to its customers worldwide. The group creates, produces, and distributes syrups, purees and sauces under the flagship *1883* and *Eyguebelle* brands, *Cappuccine* coffee powders, and *Artonic* mixers and non-alcoholic and low-sugar beverages.

Groupe Routin is the second investment of Argos Climate Action after Bracchi, an Italian market leading multi-niche transport and logistics company, acquired in December 2023. The goal of this decarbonisation fund is to shape European sustainable leaders by reducing the CO2 intensity of its portfolio companies by at least 7.5% annually.

Sandra Lagumina, Senior Partner and **Simon Guichard, Partner at Argos Wityu** said: "We are honoured to have SWEN Capital Partner, a pioneer in sustainability, as an investor in our fund and co-investor in our second deal. Their expertise will support Groupe Routin's sustainable growth."

Victorien Salle, Investment Director at SWEN Capital Partners commented, "A great opportunity for SWEN CP to join forces with Argos and drive Routin toward new heights in both business expansion and environmental progress. Argos Climate Action support and decarbonization plan will bring the company at a higher and more sustainable scale."

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One firm, two strategies. Argos Wityu is an independent European private-equity group that supports the growth of mid-sized businesses and backs their management teams.

With more than €1.8bn assets under management, over 30 years of experience and more than 90 businesses assisted, Argos Wityu operates from offices in Amsterdam, Brussels, Frankfurt, Geneva, Luxembourg, Milan, and Paris. The group seeks to acquire majority stakes and invests between €10m and €100m in each investment of its two strategies:

- The Argos Mid-Market fund helps companies implement ownership transitions to accelerate growth;
- The Argos Climate Action fund (SFDR 9) aims at shaping European sustainable leaders by making their ‘grey-to-green’ transition.

About SWEN Capital Partners
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SWEN Capital Partners is a leading player in sustainable private equity, infrastructure and mezzanine debt investments with over €8.6 billion* in assets under management and advisory. The asset management company, which employs over 100 people, is owned by the Ofi Invest group (main shareholders Aéma group entities: Macif, Abeille Assurances holding and Aésio Mutuelle), alongside Crédit Mutuel Arkéa. Together with its team, SWEN Capital Partners has always placed ESG & impact at the heart of its approach, offering its clients innovative and sustainable investment solutions. SWEN CP supports entrepreneurs and partners in their efforts to address social and environmental issues and create sustainable value.

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