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Argos Fund strengthens its European team with the appointment of Frances Houweling and Stefano Caspani as new Partners.

These two appointments of high-level seasoned Private Equity partners bring complementary expertise and strengthen Argos Fund's ability to support the growth of mid-sized businesses across Europe.

These appointments reflect Argos' continued commitment to building its strong European team, combining deep local market knowledge with close cross-border collaboration. Frances and Stefano bring complementary backgrounds and first-hand experience in working alongside management teams to support business growth.

Frances Houweling brings extensive Benelux investment experience



Frances Houweling is an experienced private equity investor with a strong track record across the Benelux market. Before joining Argos, she spent more than twelve years at IK Partners, where she became a Partner and led the Benelux Development Capital team. Her investment expertise covers the business services, healthcare and industrial sectors.

She began her career at J.P. Morgan in London in Fixed Income and Investment Banking. Frances holds an MSc in Finance and a BSc in Economics from the University of Groningen and is based in our Amsterdam office, where she supports and strengthens Argos' activities across the Benelux region.

Stefano Caspani brings deep knowledge of the Italian mid-market and support to growth ambitions for SMEs



Stefano Caspani has more than twenty years of experience in private equity and strategy consulting. He previously held Managing Director roles at DeA Capital Alternative Funds and Green Arrow Capital, focusing on direct investment programmes. He notably led the Taste of Italy funds, dedicated to Italian SMEs.

Earlier in his career, Stefano spent five years at L.E.K. Consulting in Milan and London, advising businesses and private equity firms. A graduate of Bocconi University, he brings extensive experience in investing in and supporting mid-sized Italian companies. He will be based in our Milan office.

Louis Godron, Managing Partner at Argos Fund, commented: “Frances and Stefano further strengthen our European team. Their market knowledge, experience in working alongside management teams and complementary expertise will be highly valuable assets for us to support businesses in pursuing their growth and transformation ambitions. They are fully aligned with our purpose of building a sustainable economy and a brighter future. We are delighted to welcome them to Argos Fund.”

Frances Houweling, Partner, added: “I am delighted to join the Argos team and contribute to its development across Europe. Its close relationships with entrepreneurs and collaborative approach across offices provide a compelling environment in which to support businesses.”

Stefano Caspani, Partner, added: “I am very excited to join a recognised team that combines strong local roots with a European perspective. I look forward to bringing my experience to management teams and working with my new colleagues to support the growth and transformation of mid-sized businesses.”

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About Argos

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

With over 2.5bn€ assets under management, 35 years of experience and more than 100 businesses assisted, Argos operates in 4 regions (Benelux, DACH, France and Italy) from 6 offices in Amsterdam, Brussels, Frankfurt, Luxembourg, Milan and Paris.

The group seeks to acquire majority stakes and invests between €20m and €150m in each investment of its two strategies:

- The Argos Mid-Market fund unlocks business potential and helps companies make it to the next level.

- The Argos Climate Action fund (SFDR art. 9) aims at shaping European sustainable leaders by making their 'grey-to-green' transition.