

## **Mérieux Equity Partners announces a €135 million minority investment alongside Yves Journal to strengthen its position in DomusVi, one of the leading operators in the medical and social sector in Europe**

*Paris, France – July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021 – Mérieux Equity Partners (Growth & Buyout Team) is pleased to announce that Mérieux Participations 4 fund (MP4) has joined the vehicle majority owned by Yves Journal, founder of DomusVi, to enter the capital of the Group. The transaction follows the reorganization of DomusVi's capital, allowing it to become - via SIDVH - the main new French institutional investor in the round.*

Founded in France in 1983 by Yves Journal, DomusVi is today one of the leaders in the reception, assistance and care of people weakened by age or illness, thanks to innovative services, habitats and therapies that preserve their quality of life and their social relations. DomusVi is the largest European group in the unlisted medical and social sector and operates across the entire value chain in the market for care and services for the elderly: nursing homes, senior citizen residences, psychiatric residences, homecare services and home nursing services. The Group is present in 8 countries: France, Spain, Portugal, Ireland, the Netherlands and Latin America.

The reorganization of DomusVi's capital was desired by its historical shareholders ICG and Yves Journal and allows the latter to strengthen its stake in the Group. Through his holding company SRS, the founder of DomusVi has joined forces with several investors, including Mérieux Equity Partners, which will be the largest shareholder in SIDVH after SRS.

Mérieux Equity Partners, Yves Journal, ICG and the management of DomusVi have the common ambition to continue to develop the company in order to meet the challenges of aging populations and the increase in dependency. This development will also be based on an increase in the range of services and an international expansion initiated in 2015.

*Benoît Chastaing, Managing Partner at Mérieux Equity Partners, said: "We are very pleased to be able to support Yves Journal in the capital of DomusVi and have full confidence in its management team and its strong growth potential. We are honored that Yves Journal has placed his trust in Mérieux Equity Partners and we look forward to contributing our network and expertise to the company's success. "*

*Yves Journal, Founder of DomusVi said: "We are delighted to welcome a leading family investor such as Mérieux Equity Partners, with its strong track record and expertise in the healthcare sector, as a shareholder of SIDVH and alongside SRS. This partnership will enable us to accelerate the development of the DomusVi Group and continue to improve the quality of our services in the years to come."*

The investment in DomusVi represents the second transaction made by the Mérieux Participations 4 (MP4) fund. Unveiled in the first quarter of 2021, MP4 is the latest Growth and Buyout investment vehicle of Mérieux Equity Partners, targeting a size of €500 million. This major transaction will also be an opportunity for MP4's LPs to invest alongside it. This investment is fully in line with MP4's strategy, which is based on three pillars: investments in leading companies in their sector, companies with very strong organic growth and consolidation platforms in the Health/Nutrition sector.

### **About DomusVi Group - [www.domusvigroup.com](http://www.domusvigroup.com)**

Founded in 1983, DomusVi is one of the leading providers of care and assistance to people who are frail due to age or illness, and is present in 8 countries: France, Spain, Portugal, Ireland, the Netherlands, and in Latin America, thanks to innovative services, habitats and therapies that preserve their quality of life and their social relationships. With more than 425 nursing homes, over 70 senior residences, psychiatric hospitals and dedicated day centers, and over 80 home care agencies, DomusVi offers a complete range of services to over 70,000 residents and clients in Europe and Latin America. DomusVi brings together more than 40,000 employees to serve the quality of life and satisfaction of its clients throughout the world, driven daily by our 5 values: the Group's pioneering spirit, the ability to take care of others, shared trust, a sense of caring and sincere emotions.

### **About SRS - [www.srs.eu.com](http://www.srs.eu.com)**

SRS' mission is to invest in healthcare companies for the long term in order to support their national and international development and to strengthen their leadership. Today, SRS is a majority shareholder, or a significant minority shareholder alongside financial investors, in companies with combined revenues of nearly €3 billion and more than 50,000 employees, including mainly DomusVi, Almaviva Santé, Sedna France, Sedna Canada and Arenadour.

### **About Mérieux Equity Partners - [www.merieux-partners.com](http://www.merieux-partners.com)**

Mérieux Equity Partners ("MxEP") is an AMF-accredited management company dedicated to equity investments in the health and nutrition sector. MxEP actively supports entrepreneurs and companies with differentiated products and services, giving them privileged access to its sector expertise and international network. MxEP currently manages over €1 billion in assets and has just launched its fifth vehicle - dedicated to growth capital/LBO investments - with a target size of €500 million.

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#### **List of Participants**

- **DomusVi:** Sylvain Rabuel, Mathieu Fabre
- **SRS:** Yves Journal, Sandrine Avelange, Pierre Chabaud
- **Mérieux Equity Partners:** Benoit Chastaing, Marie-Justine Lecomte

#### **Mérieux Equity Partners**

- *Financial Advisor:* **Rothschild & Co** (François de Breteuil, Alexis Ludwig, Youssef Saker)
- *Legal Advisor:* **White & Case** (Nathalie Negre-Eveillard, Sophie Nguyen)
- *Financial Auditing:* **PwC Transaction services** (Benoit Cambournac)

#### **SRS**

- *Financial Advisor:* **Clearwater International France** (Nicolas Saint-Pierre, Laurent Camilli) and **Deutsche Bank** (Emmanuel Hasbanian, Olivier Froment)
- *Legal Advisor:* **Weil** (Frédéric Cazals, Guillaume Bonnard) and **Hoche avocats** (Eric Quentin)

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