

Mérieux Equity Partners is pleased to confirm the very strong momentum of its newest investment fund, Mérieux Participations 4 ("MP4"), a 500 million launched in May 2021.

Lyon and Paris – May 31, 2022 - Merieux Participations 4 ("MP4"), a private equity fund dedicated to Growth and Buy Out ("GBO"), focusing on profitable and high-growth companies in the Health and Nutrition areas, and registered under SFDR Article 8, has already achieved significant milestones both in terms of investment and fundraising.

MP4 is nearing its target size of €500 million and has already made 4 investments since its first closing, one year ago. The team has also been strengthened with the arrival of a Partner, an Investment Manager, an Associate and an Analyst over the past 18 months. MP4 was launched in May 2021 and benefits from the renewed trust of Institut Mérieux, as well as renowned families and institutional investors who are already backing the previous vehicle, "MP3". Re-upping investors are accounting for nearly 75% of the commitments signed to date. New investors, large French institutional investors and prominent European families, have been convinced by the investment strategy implemented by the Growth Buy Out team: a unique combination of majority and minority transactions in fast growing European SMEs, market leaders in the world of Health and Nutrition.

As with MP3, the deployment of the new fund is ongoing and the management team is taking a rigorous selective approach, favouring targeted approaches: three transactions have been completed and a fourth should be finalized in the coming weeks, bringing the amount already invested to €210 million, i.e. just under 50% of MP4's target size.

MP4 has indeed signed two high organic growth investments such as Swixx Biopharma, a distributor specialized in rare diseases with €275 million in revenues, and Dental Monitoring, a suite of SaaS software based on artificial intelligence for orthodontics - both forecasting +100% growth by 2022.

MP4's third investment in DomusVi, one of the leading operators in the medical and social sector in Europe, strengthens the fund's strategy to support market leaders.

With the 4th investment, Mérieux Equity Partners will continue to support Biobest in its proven build-up strategy. The transactions should be closed in June and will be part of the Buy & Build fund sub-strategy, thus ensuring a perfect balance of MP4 portfolio.

The fund is in exclusive discussions for its potential 5th investment. These investments have also enabled MP4 to offer its LPs attractive co-investment opportunities, for more than €220 million to date.

Thanks to this deployment, MP4 is now considered by investors as a "Late Primary opportunity".

The fundraising period of MP4 will end in November 2022.

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Merieux 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 launched in 2021 its fifth vehicle, dedicated to growth capital/LBO investments, with a target size of €500 million.

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