

Mérieux Equity Partners Closes Mérieux Participations 4 (“MP4”) Above Target and Welcomes New Team Members for Growth Buy-Out investment team, ESG and Investor Relations.

LYON/PARIS - Mérieux Equity Partners (“MxEP”) is pleased to announce the successful closing of its Growth Buy-Out investment fund MP4. With an initial target of 500 million euros, MP4 exceeded expectations securing nearly 570 million euros. MP4 focuses on the Health and Nutrition sectors, targeting profitable and fast-growing companies.

The fund benefits from a strong re-up rate of 85%, i.e. LPs representing over 85% of Mérieux Participation 3 (“MP3”) commitments have renewed their investment in MP4. This highlights the trust from our existing LPs. We have also gained traction from new prominent European investors, notably with leading institutional entities and affluent families from new regions, including Spain and Italy. Despite the challenges of a competitive fundraising landscape, this positive momentum underscores the trust investors place in Mérieux Equity Partners to pinpoint and capitalize on opportunities in the Health sector.

Fundraising for MP4 was a collective effort from all of the firm’s Global Buy-Out partners, namely Jean-François Billet, Benoît Chastaing, Caroline Folleas, Thierry Chignon and MxEP President Christine Demode. Reach Capital served as Placement Agent for MP4.

In the span of 24 months since its first closing in May 2021, 53% of the fund has been invested across seven companies, including:

- Biobest (investment completed in June 2022), world leader in the field of pollination and biological protection, a market experiencing an annual growth rate of over 10%.
- Piercan (investment completed in April 2023), world leader in isolator and dry-box gloves for the pharmaceutical and nuclear industries, a market witnessing an annual growth rate of over 10%.

MP4 extends the strategy of MP3, with a primary focus on European SMEs in the Health sector and with strong growth and international expansion goals. At the core of Mérieux Equity Partners' ethos is our commitment to empowering managers by harnessing our team's profound health sector expertise and the global networks of the Mérieux group.

In tandem with the launch of this new fund, Mérieux Equity Partners continues to strengthen its team.

- The firm recently welcomed 2 new team members in Buy-Out investment: Jaana Gruter serving as Partner and Theodor Wupperman stepping in as Managing Director. Jaana and Theodor will extend investments and networks in Nordic and the DACH regions. The GBO team is now composed of 10 persons, based between its two offices in Lyon and Paris.
- In addition, MxEP is accelerating on ESG and impact-driven initiatives both for our portfolio companies and for our LPs. To support this commitment, Justine

Chabrol has recently joined MxEP as ESG Manager, ensuring the firm's adherence to sustainable and impactful investment practices.

- And, in our continued effort to ensure a high quality of service to our LPs, the firm is pleased to welcome Jean Chatillon as Investor Relations and Communication Director.

About Jaana Grüter: Jaana brings 15 years of experience in M&A and investment, specifically in the healthcare sector in Europe; She has previously worked at Rothschild & Co, Five Arrows Principal Investments, and most recently at Keensight Capital. Jaana holds a Master's degree from Maastricht University where she studied International Business with a specialization in Finance.

About Theodor Wupperman: Theodor brings 12 years of investment experience with a specific focus on Healthcare transactions in Europe. He has previously worked at ArchiMed, and most recently at Keensight Capital. Theodor holds a Master's degree from Rotterdam School of Management and studied International Business at Maastricht University.

About Justine Chabrol: Justine brings over 23 years of experience in Healthcare industry. Before joining MxEP, Justine held the position of Director of Communication & CSR at ABL. Justine also worked at Sanofi where she held various positions in the fields of Marketing, Communications and CSR. Justine holds a master's in Applied Foreign Languages (Sorbonne Université, Paris), an MBA on Communications & Sustainable Development (EFAP, Paris) and a Certificate on CSR / Pharmaceutical industry (Mines, Paris)

About Jean Chatillon: Before joining MxEP, Jean spent 5 years at Cathay Capital where he oversaw Investor Relations for Europe and the Middle East, working closely with institutional, family, and corporate LPs. Jean also worked for 3 years in the software sector at Dassault Systèmes, within the Corporate Strategy and Pricing teams. He graduated from Emlyon Business School.

About Mérieux Equity Partners: Mérieux Equity Partners ("MxEP") is an AMF-accredited management company dedicated to equity investments in the Healthcare. 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 c.€1.5bn AUM, including four generations of funds focused on Growth Buy-out and one dedicated to venture capital.

About Reach Capital: Reach Capital is a leading European advisory firm providing primary fundraising, liquidity solution, and strategic advisory. The group has supported the raising of over €10 billion of primary and secondary capital for asset managers across Europe, North America, and the Middle East. Reach Capital's team is committed to holistically supporting its clients by building strong relationships with its community of GPs and LPs, delivering transformational approaches to their challenges, and providing them with proprietary research on private markets. Reach Capital is a carbon-neutral business and a member of the 1% for the Planet initiative, supporting environmental causes globally.

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