

## PRESS RELEASE

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# DE PARDIEU ADVISES CREDIT MUTUEL EQUITY AND UI INVESTISSEMENT ON THE ACQUISITION OF GROUPE ROUTIN BY ARGOS WITYU

**In connection with the acquisition of a majority stake in Groupe Routin by Argos Wityu, De Pardieu has advised Crédit Mutuel Equity and UI Investissement, company's minority shareholders, which will reinvest alongside Argos Wityu in this transaction.**

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 local know-how, agility and a high level of service to its customers in 84 countries. With its strong "*art de vivre*" identity, Groupe Routin is the pioneer of the "Drink Design®" movement, putting its expertise at the service of creativity and taste experiences. The company employs more than 240 people, and its revenues exceeded €115M in 2023.

With the support of Argos Wityu, Crédit Mutuel Equity and UI Investissement as minority shareholders, the group will 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.

**De Pardieu's team comprised Cédric Chanas (partner) and Mathieu Rétimeau (counsel).**

### **Other advisors:**

#### **Buyers' advisors**

Facility arrangers: Société Générale (Renan Fleitour, Adrien Glasser) and Amundi (Amélie Guillon, Stéphanie Canova, Thibault Sordet)

Financing advisors: Rothschild & Co (Anthony Benichou, Baptiste Sander, Jérémy Daunit, Victor Bascoul, Grégory Fradelizi, Nicolas Lévy)

Legal advisors: August Debouzy (Julien Aucomte, Renaud Christol, Maxime Legourd, François Richard, Sophie Faulcon, Juliette Vachet), Mayer Brown (Patrick Teboul, Marion Minard)

Financial due diligence: Alvarez & Marsal (Benoît Bestion, Marie-Charlotte Ibanez, Juliette Deydier)

Strategic due diligence: BCG (Benjamin Entraygues, Florian Kahn, Raphaël Blanchin, Alexandre Salat-Baroux)

Tax advisors: Arsene Taxand (Franck Chaminade, Matthieu Sanchez, Ramata Thiam)

Environmental advisors: Axa Climate (Julien Famy, Alice Legrix, Delphine Godin), Carbone 4 (Hughes-Marie Aulanier, Clara Benedini, Marguerite Desforges, William Shafroth, Victoire Ravillon), O2m (Olivier Messenger, Louise Forteau)

Operational due diligence: Efeso (Cyrille Bender, Louis Catala, Pierre Fougerat)

Management's advisor: BTCC (Alexandra Carpentier; Severin Kullmann)

#### **Sellers' advisors**

Legal advisors: Mermoz Avocats (Eleanore Griffiths, Tristan Segonds; Guillaume Bain)

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