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DE PARDIEU BROCAS MAFFEI ADVISES APHEON, MAJORITY SHAREHOLDER, ON ITS REINVESTMENT VIA A CONTINUATION FUND AND THE ENTRY INTO THE HAUDECOEUR GROUP'S SHARE CAPITAL OF LFPI AS MINORITY REFERENCE SHAREHOLDER

De Pardieu Brocas Maffei has advised Apheon, majority shareholder, on its reinvestment via a continuation fund and the entry into the Haudecoeur group's share capital of LFPI as minority reference shareholder.

Haudecoeur is the undisputed leader in the French market for the supply, production and distribution of ethnic food. Haudecoeur offers a wide range of products such as different varieties of rice, spices, dried fruits, pulses, with more than 1,500 references, sold under strong and leading brands (such as Riz du Monde, Samia, Légumor, Profruit, La Pastilla, Tantie, etc.). The company benefits from an excellent positioning *vis-à-vis* specialist grocery stores, hypermarkets and supermarkets and end-customers. The company also relies on a solid industrial base located in La Courneuve and on several storage sites in the Paris region and in the South of France.

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