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## **Press Release**

### **Crédit Agricole Private Equity becomes Omnes Capital**

**Crédit Agricole Private Equity changes its name to Omnes Capital as it moves towards autonomy.**

The sale of the asset management company Crédit Agricole Private Equity by Crédit Agricole S.A. to Collier Capital was completed on 29 March 2012. Collier Capital, the world leader in the private equity secondary market, has become the sole shareholder in Crédit Agricole Private Equity with a view to supporting it towards autonomy. Crédit Agricole Private Equity is changing its name to become **Omnes Capital**.

This transaction follows the acquisition by Collier Capital from Crédit Agricole S.A. of a portfolio of assets managed by Crédit Agricole Private Equity which will continue to be managed by Omnes Capital.

Omnes Capital will continue to pursue a strategy of investing in SMEs with strong growth potential, offering active and long-lasting support to entrepreneurs.

Omnes Capital will draw on the expertise of its current teams to develop its key business areas:

- **LBO & Expansion Capital**; building on a solid track record, the team supports French SMEs that are leaders in their markets, with enterprise values of less than €150 million, putting the emphasis on creating operating value.
- **Venture Capital**; one of the leading groups in France dedicated to financing innovation, the team supports young innovative companies and specialises in the technology and life sciences sectors.
- **Renewable Energy**; as a pioneer in the renewable energy sector, the team takes a dual approach, acquiring minority stakes in SMEs and majority stakes in infrastructure projects developed by companies in its portfolio.

The arrival of Collier Capital creates new opportunities for Omnes Capital, notably by giving access to leading international investors.

Omnes Capital intends to maintain strong links, built over the long term, with various entities within the Crédit Agricole Group - the Regional Banks, Predica, LCL - which will remain a major investor alongside Collier Capital.

Fabien Prévost, Chairman and CEO of Omnes Capital, noted: *"It is a natural development for a captive asset management company to become independent. From the start, Crédit Agricole S.A. involved us in seeking out the best partner to ensure our development. We are delighted with the arrival of Collier Capital which will allow us to move into this next phase of our growth with confidence. With more than ten years' experience together, our teams have built up a first-rate track record and have demonstrated their ability to thrive across several economic cycles. We will maintain our position as a generalist player in the private equity field, dedicated to SMEs at all stages of their growth, and will continue to offer our clients innovative products."*

**About Omnes Capital**

Omnes Capital is a major player in private equity, with a commitment to financing SMEs. With €1.9 billion in assets under management, Omnes Capital provides companies with the capital needed to finance their growth and with key expertise in a number of areas: mid-cap LBO & Expansion Capital, Venture Capital in technology and life sciences, Renewable Energy, Secondary Funds of Funds, Co-Investment.

Omnes Capital, formerly Crédit Agricole Private Equity, was a subsidiary of Crédit Agricole until March 2012 when the company was acquired by Collier Capital, the global leader in the secondary private equity market.

Omnes Capital is a signatory to the United Nations Principles for Responsible Investment (PRI).

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**Latest News**

*Recent transactions completed by Omnes Capital's teams during the last 12 months bear witness to their dynamism:*

***LBO & Expansion Capital:***

- 5 disposals, generating an IRR of 28% and a cash multiple of 3.3 (ECT, Altrad, Souriau, Proman, Saverglass)
- 4 investments: SVP (mid cap), E-Frontech, AEMI, SIMP (small cap)

***Venture Capital:***

- €40 million invested in 2011
- 8 disposals: 3DPlus, BioVex, Oclio, MonShowroom, OpenTrust, DiBcom, Aldebaran, Miyowa
- 10 new investments: Visiware, TrustYou, Viavoo, Amakem, L'Usine à Design, Novate, Themis, Trusted Shops, Adamence, Cellnovo
- Best Venture Capital Team of the Year (Capital Finance Magazine, Awards 2011)

***Renewable Energy:***

- Capenergie 2, currently in the process of fund raising, offers a dual investment strategy: minority stakes in SMEs which are developing or building green energy production facilities, and selective investment in infrastructure projects developed by companies within the portfolio
- Capenergie 2 held an intermediate closing on €120.5 million and has 7 investments in its portfolio (Neoen, Poste Immo, Abakus, Abakus Solar Power, Ikaros Solar, Ikaros Solar Park, Eole Infrastructures)

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