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# Capzanine is selling its stake in Finance Active to Cathay Capital after supporting the group on its journey to become a true Fintech

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Capzanine - European Private Equity Investment Management Company is selling its minority stake in Finance Active to Cathay Capital after having supported the group on its journey to become a true Fintech.

Capzanine announced today it has signed an agreement to sell its minority stake in Finance Active, a digital finance solutions provider, to Cathay Capital. The transaction involves a major investment of Jacques Descourtieux and Patrice Chatard, the Founders, as well as the entry of new key managers into the capital of Finance Active.

Founded in 2000 in Paris, Finance Active and its 150 employees provide SaaS based digital solutions to improve debt management and financial risks performances. The Company paves the way for greater digital transformation in finance through cutting-edge technologies and a strong emphasis on user-friendly processes. Its more than 10,000 users on 5 continents include businesses ranging from private SMEs to global multinationals and from local authorities to financial institutions in France and around the world.

Its activities are particularly focused on debt management with 750 billion euros under supervision, though the Company also provides guarantee, leasing and forex digital management tools. Its innovative software solutions enable a centralized and accurate view of outstanding financing instruments permanently connected to the financial markets, simulations, regulatory reports, key indicators and personalized support.

Finance Active has established solid expertise and innovative R&D to polish its services over many years. It now stands competitively positioned to increase its share of the global digital debt, guarantee and FX management market.

Capzanine leveraged its long-lasting expertise in technology and SaaS to support the development of Finance Active, strengthen the governance model, identify growth opportunities and change its "Software as a Service" model into a "Platform as a Service" model.

Jacques Descourtieux and Patrice Chatard, co-CEOs of Finance Active: "We are delighted to join forces with Cathay Capital. Over the years we have earned the trust and recognition of a broad range of businesses and sharpened our expertise to the point that we feel confident our global expansion can now successfully accelerate thanks to Cathay's know-how and unique platform."



Maxence Radix, Partner at Capzanine: "Finance Active is now at the forefront of the digital transformation of finance. We are very happy to have partnered with Finance Active in the first phase of transformation and acceleration of its development."

# **Participants**

**Finance Active**: Jacques Descourtieux, Patrice Chatard **Capzanine**: Maxence Radix, Sabine Barral **Cathay Capital**: Edouard Moinet, Jérémie Falzone, Victor de Tracy, Thierry Auzel

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#### About Capzanine

Founded in 2004, Capzanine\* is a European independent private investment management fund. Capzanine supports businesses in their quest for growth, providing financial and industrial expertise to help them achieve success in their development and transfer phases. Capzanine delivers flexible long-term financing solutions to SMEs and mid-cap companies. Depending on the circumstances, Capzanine invests as a majority or minority shareholder and/or as a private debt provider (mezzanine, unitranche, senior debt), in unlisted small and mid-cap companies with an enterprise value of 30 million to 400 million euros. Although broad-based, Capzanine more particularly supports strong value-creating companies in the healthcare, technology, food and services sectors. Based in Paris and run by its partners, Capzanine currently has €2.5 billion in assets under management. Its most recent investments include: Horizon Software, Recommerce, Opteven, Intescia, Ivnosys.

More information : <u>http://capzanine.com</u> Twitter : <u>@capzanine</u>

#### About Capzanine Flex Equity

Through the Capzanine Flex Equity range of funds, Capzanine offers flexible financing solutions combining majority or minority capital, convertible bonds and mezzanine to support small and mid-cap companies with an EBITDA below €10M in their development projects.



Since 2004, Capzanine Flex Equity teams have achieved more than 60 transactions combining capital and mezzanine. Close to the entrepreneurs, and benefiting from a deep knowledge of the local industry, the Capzanine Flex Equity teams offer hybrid long term financing solutions that adapts to the company's project.

\* Capzanine is the commercial name of Atalante SAS, portfolio management company approved on 11/29/2014 by the « Autorité des Marchés Financiers » under GP-04000065