

## Aldebaran announces the arrival of a new Partner and expands its team of expert business transformation investors

**Paris, 16 November 2021** – Aldebaran, which held a first close on its transformation fund in July 2021, announces the arrival of Edouard Lesieur as Partner and the hiring of Oscar Boisseau as Analyst. Aldebaran's team now includes six investment and operations experts in business transformation that have a shared goal of putting people at the forefront of a company's transformation journey. Aldebaran expects further new hires to join in January 2022.

**Amélie Brossier, Founder and CEO of Aldebaran,** said:

*"We are pleased to welcome Edouard and Oscar to Aldebaran. Edouard is one of France's very few experts in complex situations. He has an impressive track record in this area and shares our vision that human capital is critical to the success of a company's strategic and operational pivots. With his extensive experience and broad professional network in our asset class, he will be a key part of our core objective to broaden transformation success stories across the market. As for Oscar, he has been supporting our maiden endeavour for many months now with great energy and drive; and we are delighted to bring him onboard in a formal capacity."*

**Edouard Lesieur, Partner,** said:

*"I am delighted to be joining Aldebaran as a Partner. I was won over by the new transformative investment model championed by Aldebaran, and I am a firm believer in the value of combining investment and operational skills at an organization's top level. It is not only a natural extension of my previous work, as an investor specializing in complex situations, but also a unique opportunity for me to be a part of developing a new investment fund that gives equal importance to human and financial capital."*

### Edouard Lesieur



Edouard Lesieur brings recognized expertise in private equity to Aldebaran and close to 15 years of experience in complex investments in industry and business services.

With his decade and a half of experience in mid-market private equity investments in France and Belgium, Edouard Lesieur is one of France's few experts in complex situations. Prior to joining Aldebaran in the autumn of 2021, Edouard was Principal and a France Investment Committee member at **H.I.G. Capital** (2007-2021), a fund specializing in the financing of SMEs and SMLs experiencing transformation challenges, using a flexible, value-added approach. Edouard was with H.I.G. at the launch of the Paris office and was notably involved in the acquisition, follow-up and sale of the Looping Group (to Ergon Capital), of Aviapartner (to its management team) and of the Ecore-GDE Group (in exclusive negotiations with an industrial buyer). He represented H.I.G. on the boards of directors of these companies.

Before joining H.I.G. in 2007, Edouard was Senior Manager in the Leveraged Finance department of **Royal Bank of Scotland** in France, where he took part in the structuring and financing of numerous LBO transactions in Europe.

He began his career in Acquisition Finance at **CACIB** in Paris and London before joining the Loan Market department of **BNP Paribas** in New York.

Edouard is a graduate of **ESCP**.

### Oscar Boisseau



Oscar Boisseau has close to two years of experience in investment in France, acquired through various internships. Before joining Aldebaran as an intern in April 2021, he worked as an analyst at **Ekkio Capital**, a mid-market private equity fund specializing in tourism and leisure, health and beauty, security and inspections, and environmental responsibility. Prior to that, he worked in the Sales & Marketing team for **Tikehau Investment Management**.

Oscar holds an MSc in Finance from **Université Paris Dauphine** (Master 225 - Corporate Finance and Financial Engineering).

### About Aldebaran Capital Partners

Aldebaran Capital Partners is a French investment company dedicated to the transformation of small-and-mid-sized companies. Its mission is to support the executives of these companies and help them make their strategic and operational transformation successful. Aldebaran supports companies with sound fundamentals that face temporary underperformance or complexity (carve-out, family transition, consolidation, etc.). It provides companies with financial, human and organizational resources necessary for a successful long-term transformation and to unleash their full potential. Aldebaran Capital Partners is regulated by AMF under the AIFM-D.

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