

WFW ADVISES ARRANGERS AND POOL OF BANKS ON FINANCING OF EHDH'S ACQUISITION OF MOVIANTO TO FORM WALDEN

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Le cabinet d'avocats international Watson Farley & Williams a conseillé Crédit Agricole Corporate and Investment Bank et CA Centre France en tant qu'arrangeurs et le pool de banques (comprenant CACIB, CA Centre France, HSBC, CIC, Banque Populaire, Banque Nuger et KBC) sur le financement de l'acquisition de Movianto, filiale du groupe américain Owens & Minor, par EHDH (depuis rebaptisé « Walden »).

L'ensemble ainsi créé, qui se présente comme « *le leader européen des services de transport et logistique destinés au secteur pharmaceutique* », sera présent dans 12 pays européens où il comptera plus de 5 000 employés capables de livrer plus de 500 000 colis par jour. Fin janvier, lors de l'annonce du rachat, EHDH avait indiqué que le groupe pèserait plus d'un milliard d'euros de chiffre d'affaires annuel à l'issue de la fusion (environ 650 millions pour EHDH et 400 millions pour Movianto).

L'équipe Financement de Watson Farley & Williams était menée par Philippe Wolanski (associé) et Julie-Anne Thiebaut (senior associate).

Walden a été conseillé par Veil Jourde, avec Hervé Pillard (associé) pour les aspects financement.

Watson Farley & Williams ("WFW") advised Crédit Agricole Corporate and Investment Bank and CA Centre France acting as arrangers, as well as a pool of banks comprising CACIB, CA Centre France, HSBC, CIC, Banque Populaire Auvergne Rhône Alpes, Banque Nuger and KBC, on the financing of the acquisition of Movianto, subsidiary of America's Owens & Minor, by EHDH (since renamed "Walden").

The new group introduced as "*the leading European service provider in the fields of logistics and transport in the pharmaceutical sector*" has a presence in 12 European countries, with 5,000 employees able to ship over 500,000 parcels each day. When the acquisition was announced at the end of January 2020, EHDH declared that the group would reach annual revenue of €1bn+ thanks to this merger (c. €650m generated by EHDH and €400m by Movianto).

The WFW Paris Finance team was led by Partner Philippe Wolanski and Senior Associate Julie-Anne Thiebaut.

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