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Lorenzo ZAMBONI is appointed Director; Sophie POCHARD, Edouard GUIGOU and Anh PHAM-VU are appointed Associate Directors at ASTORG Partners

French private equity specialist ASTORG Partners is pleased to announce the appointment Lorenzo Zamboni as Director and the appointment of Sophie Pochard, Edouard Guigou and Anh Pham-Vu as Associate Directors.

Lorenzo ZAMBONI joined Astorg Partners in January 2010 from the buyouts team of 3i in Italy where he worked for five years on a variety of transactions across a broad range of sectors. Prior to 3i, Lorenzo worked for several years with KPMG in Paris in their Transaction Services Department where he advised corporate and private equity funds in cross border transactions.

Lorenzo, 33, is a graduate of Bocconi University in Milan and Institut d'Etudes Politiques de Paris.

Sophie POCHARD joined Astorg Partners in 2007 after four years with the French Equipment Ministry, where she headed a Department responsible for the monitoring and financial control of companies holding highway concessions. She also gained some experience in Strategy Consulting at BCG. Sophie has worked on the Metalor transaction, and currently seats on the board of directors of the company

Sophie, 34, is a graduate civil engineer from Ecole Polytechnique and Ecole Nationale des Ponts et Chaussées and holds a master's degree from the Massachussets Institute of Technology.

Edouard GUIGOU joined Astorg Partners in 2007 following an in-house one-year training period as Junior Analyst. He previously gained a first work experience with the Finance Division of the Treasury Department in London. Since joining Astorg, he has worked on a number of transactions including the Staci and OGF investments. He also actively contributed to the organization of the sale of Geoservices to Schlumberger. Edouard, 30, is a graduate of the Institut d'Etudes Politiques (Paris) and the ESCP-EAP Graduate School of Management (Paris).

Anh PHAM-VU joined Astorg Partners in 2009. He started his career as an Associate Consultant at Bain & Company in Munich where he spent two years. Subsequently, he joined Cinven in Frankfurt, where as member of the "TMT" and "Industrials" teams he worked on the origination and execution of European LBO transactions.

Anh, 31, is an ESCP-EAP graduate and has an MBA from the Harvard Business School.

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About ASTORG Partners (<u>www.astorg-partners.com</u>):

Astorg is an independent private equity fund management company, specializing in French mid-market buyouts with total funds of over €2 billion under management. Astorg seeks to partner with successful and entrepreneurial management teams, to acquire businesses - very often family-owned - with attractive growth prospects, which Astorg will support through the provision of experienced governance and adequate capital. Astorg enjoys a distinct entrepreneurial culture, a lean and local decision-making body enhancing its reactivity, and has a true commitment to its partnering management teams. Although clearly a multi-sector investor, Astorg has developed solid industry expertise in healthcare (Sebia, Pasteur-Cerba, Ethypharm), professional services (Lowendal Group, RLD, CIS, Geoservices, Staci, Webhelp, Trescal, Gras Savoye).

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