



**François de Mitry,
former Managing Director
at Intermediate Capital group (ICG Plc.)
to join ASTORG PARTNERS as Partner**

ASTORG Partners, French private equity specialist with a specific focus on mid-cap LBO segment, is pleased to announce the appointment of **François de Mitry** as Partner.

François de Mitry, 46, started his career at CCF in the M&A division in Milan, then, in 1991, joined the Acquisition & Leveraged Finance team at Société Générale. In 1997, he joined Intermediate Capital Group PLC, leading arranger and provider of mezzanine finance for LBO transactions in Europe and listed on the London stock exchange. He was appointed Managing Director in 2005, then progressively responsible for ICG's investment activities in Mezzanine and Equity in Europe and worldwide. In this capacity, he was the ICG representative on the Boards of Directors of several European companies. He also was Chairman of the Supervisory Boards of Gerflor and Eisman. Since 2004, he is a Member of the Supervisory Board of Wendel. François de Mitry is a graduate of IEP Paris and Université de Dauphine Paris IX.

"We are extremely pleased to welcome François de Mitry to the Astorg team, with whom we have had the opportunity to work for the past 15 years on different mezzanine debt and equity co-investments in transactions led by Astorg. François, one the best and most talented European professionals in these fields, co-ran one of the largest mezzanine providers, listed on the London Stock Exchange. He will split his time between Paris and London, and his international experience and in-depth knowledge of the European private equity markets, both on debt and equity components, will be an invaluable asset for Astorg's future growth." declared Xavier Moreno, Chairman and Founding Managing Partner of Astorg.

"I am delighted to join Astorg, renowned for the quality of its investments and experienced management team, its strong historical and continued performance, and its long-term industrial approach to investment. In addition, the successful closing of Astorg's fifth fund in April 2011 opens up significant new growth opportunities in Europe." declared François de Mitry.

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About ASTORG Partners (www.astorg-partners.com):

Astorg is an independent private equity fund management company, specializing in French mid-market buyouts with total funds under management of over €2 billion. Astorg seeks to partner with successful and entrepreneurial management teams, to acquire businesses - very often family-owned - with attractive growth prospects, which Astorg supports 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 commitment to its partnering management teams. Although a multi-sector investor, Astorg has developed solid industry expertise in healthcare (Sebia, Pasteur-Cerba, Ethypharm), and business-to-business professional services (Lowendal Group, RLD, CIS, Geoservices, Staci, Webhelp, Trescal, Gras Savoye).

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