
OFI Private Equity and VIVERIS MANAGEMENT sign an option agreement to sell their respective holdings in AUTO ESCAPE to Montefiore Investment

Funds managed by OFI Private Equity and VIVERIS MANAGEMENT have concluded on 2 February, 2009 an option agreement to sell their respective shareholdings in AUTO ESCAPE to Montefiore Investment should the latter exercise its option to purchase the stake on or before 3 March 2009.

AUTO ESCAPE is a broker specialized in passenger car rental and is listed on Alternext by NYSE Euronext Paris (Code ALAUT Code ISIN FR 001 0423 152).

The shares held by funds managed by OFI Private Equity and VIVERIS MANAGEMENT, representing directly and indirectly 46.55% of AUTO ESCAPE's share capital and 52.92% of voting rights, would be acquired by Montefiore Investment at a price of €2.80 per share. The transaction values 100% of AUTO ESCAPE's share capital at €14.6 million. The price of €2.80 per share represents a premium of 63.74% to the closing share price on 30 January 2009.

In addition, and subject to the finalization of ongoing discussions, BC Développement (controlled by Mr. Bruno Couly, President of AUTO ESCAPE) and the principal managers of the company would reinvest some or all the sale of their shares in the transaction.

In accordance with stock market regulations, the acquisition of the this shareholding stake will cause the acquisition vehicle (controlled by MONTEFIORE INVESTMENTS) to file with the Autorité des Marchés Financiers a tender offer document to acquire all the remaining outstanding shares of AUTO ESCAPE at a price of €2.80 per share.

> ABOUT OFI PRIVATE EQUITY CAPITAL

OFI Private Equity Capital is an investment company quoted on NYSE Euronext (code: OPEC), which invests in both equity and mezzanine in secondary buy-outs of French companies with enterprise values of between €15 and €75 million that have been the subject of a previous LBO.

> ABOUT VIVERIS MANAGEMENT

Viveris Management is a private equity fund management company, with over €400 million of assets under management, more than 130 companies in its portfolio and a team of 25 experienced investors. Viveris Management has launched and manages eight « Fonds communs de placement dans l'innovation » (FCPI). The FCPI Innoveris I to VIII represent approximately €190 million of funds under management. The 2007 vintage fund, Innoveris VIII, collected €16 million by end of 2007. One of the innovators of regional FCPI, Innoveris I, and the first guaranteed capital FCPR, Innoveris V, Viveris Management is considered a financial innovator.

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> ABOUT MONTEFIORE INVESTMENT

Montefiore Investment is an independent investment manager with approximately €200 M of assets under management, with a high level of industry specialization in the "Locally Supplied Services". Montefiore works alongside management and shareholders to help them expand their business, restructure capital or arrange a buyout. Montefiore invests in mid-market companies with a strong potential for profitable growth and applies its expertise to work closely with management and to serve as a catalyst for growth.

For more information: www.montefiore.fr

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Share information:

Ticker: OPEC

Listing: NYSE Euronext Paris Compartment C

ISIN code: FR0000038945

Number of shares: 5 917 580

Free float: 36.72 %

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