

## OFI Private Equity Capital is included in the GAIA Index, the 1<sup>st</sup> French ESG stock market index for midcap companies

Following the inclusion in the SBF250, CAC Small 90 and CAC Mid & Small 190 indices, in September 2010, OFI Private Equity Capital (code: OPEC) announces its inclusion in the GAIA Index, the stock market index that brings together the 70 French stocks that have obtained the best non-financial ratings out of a universe of more than 220 midcap stocks. Stocks are rated based on the results of a questionnaire that comprises more than 80 non-financial criteria.

The GAIA Index information system, launched in October 2009 by IDMidCaps and Ethifinance with the support of the SFAF and Middledent, determines the level of commitment of French midcap companies with regard to the non-financial criteria (Environment, Social and Governance). The GAIA Index develops a standard for non-financial information that is adapted to midcap stocks and includes a ratings system in order to measure and classify the results obtained, so that a universe of stocks can be established.

In 2008, OFI Private Equity Capital committed to a sustainable development approach incorporating the non-financial criteria (ESG criteria: Environmental, Corporate/Social and Governance) into its investment management and strategy, and also into the development of its portfolio companies.

In April 2009, OFI Private Equity Capital signed the PRI (Principles for Responsible Investment) and committed to reporting each year on the steps taken to advance the ESG non-financial criteria.

In 2010, OFI Private Equity Capital implemented a CSR charter as well as non-financial reporting for its asset management company and the companies in its portfolio, to measure their commitments and actions defined within the CSR charter. The company, having decided to rate its CSR policy, has obtained an "AA" rating, equivalent to 3.5/5, by Ethifinance, an independent extra-financial research agency, specialized in listed and non-listed Small and Midcaps companies. The company has also received the "2009 Sustainable Development Award" by Private Equity Magazine.

On this occasion, Olivier Millet, Chairman of the Board of Directors of OFI Private Equity, said: *"The inclusion of OFI Private Equity Capital in the GAIA Index is a validation of our company's ESG policy over the last three years and rewards the fundamental work carried out both by our teams and by the managers of our portfolio companies in implementing concrete Sustainable Development policies."*

For more information on the GAIA Index, please visit the website [www.gaia-index.com](http://www.gaia-index.com)

### > ABOUT OFI PRIVATE EQUITY CAPITAL

OFI Private Equity Capital is an investment company quoted on NYSE Euronext (code: OPEC, compartment C, included in the SBF250, CAC Small 90 et CAC Mid & Small 190 indices) belonging to the asset management company OFI Private Equity, which invests in both equity and mezzanine in French companies with enterprise values of between €15 and €75 million. <http://www.ofi-pecapital.com>

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