

Press Release

## Gérald Karsenti joins Qualium Investissement as Senior Advisor

Paris, February 14th, 2023 - Qualium Investissement is pleased to announce the arrival of Gérald Karsenti as Senior Advisor.

In light of its success and ambitions in the IT and Tech sectors, Qualium is honored to welcome Gérald Karsenti as Senior Advisor. For over 30 years, the CEO of SAP France, has been a major player and prominent executive in the tech space. Gérald will add his long-standing expertise and network to support the investment team's sourcing, screening and deal-making while providing value-add support to the firm's portfolio companies.



Since the early 90s, Gérald Karsenti has managed major international groups in the tech sector, including IBM (1993-2005), Capgemini (2005-2006), or Hewlett Packard as CEO France. Most recently, Gerald was appointed CEO of Oracle France (2017) before taking over the CEO role of SAP France (2018-January 2023).

Gerald has also dedicated his time supporting students, teaching leadership, digital transformation and change management for more than 20 years at HEC Paris and ESCP Business School. An accomplished author ("*Leaders of the Third Type*" in 2017 or "*The Art of Building a Team*" in September 2022), Gerald launched a podcast, "*Great Leaders, the lessons of history*" with Franck Ferrand on Radio Classique in October 2022.

Gérald Karsenti is an active Board member and a recognized influencer on social networks. An Air Force Reserve colonel, he was promoted to the rank of Officer of the National Order of Merit in 2022, after having been promoted to Knight in the National Order of the Legion of Honour in 2013.

He is a graduate of Sciences Po Paris, HEC Paris and Oxford University and holds a master's degree in finance.

Jean Eichenlaub, Qualium Investissement Managing Partner, underlined: "*I thank Gérald for bringing his talent, expertise and visionary spirit to Qualium. His experience as a leader of major international groups, his status as a recognized expert and his in-depth knowledge of the tech ecosystem are valuable assets to support our ambitious growth strategy.*"

Gérald Karsenti added: "*I recognize in Qualium Investissement the values that I hold dear. Its professionalism and reliability, illustrated by its ability to support teams and companies over the long term, are essential for the industrial manager that I have been for thirty years. I am*"

*delighted to be starting a new stage of my activity, helping the development of tech and service companies".*

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#### **About Qualium Investissement**

Qualium Investissement ("Qualium") is a leading and longstanding institutional private equity firm with over €1bn in funds under management. Approved by the Autorité des Marchés Financiers, Qualium is 70% owned by its management and 30% by the Caisse des Dépôts et Consignations. Since its creation in 1998, Qualium has invested in more than 70 French companies in all sectors of activity. Qualium provides companies' management teams with all the expertise and resources they need to achieve ambitious development objectives, particularly internationally and through external growth.

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