

## **Iris Capital strengthens its management team to confirm its leading position in Europe and beyond**

**Paris, Monday October 21<sup>st</sup> 2019** – Iris Capital is proud to announce the arrival of two new team members, Marc Auberger and Itziar Estevez Latasa, respectively based in Paris and Munich.

Marc Auberger is joining Iris Capital as Managing Partner, alongside Curt Gunsenheimer and Erik de la Rivière. Marc's arrival will strengthen Iris Capital's management team to boost its growth strategy.

Marc has more than fifteen years of investment experience in private equity acquired with the Caisse des Dépôts group, in executive positions with CDC Entreprises where he supervised the venture capital business and Qualium Investissements. In 2014 he became President of Future French Champions (FFC), an investment partnership/joint venture between Qatar Investment Authority and Bpifrance. In this position, he led and completed deals such as Fitness Park, B2A Technologies, Devialet or Vulcanic.

Marc Auberger began his career as Inspector of Finances at the French Ministry of Finance then at the Treasury Department where he spent eight years. He then joined the Casino Group in 2000 before taking on the management of Sofaris (now Bpifrance Garantie) in 2002.

He is a former student of Ecole Nationale d'Administration (promotion 1991) and of Institut d'Etudes Politiques de Paris (1986).

Itziar Estevez Latasa is joining the team as Partner in the German team, based in Munich. She will focus on late-stage and growth capital investments in the DACH region, mainly in Germany. Her expertise in B2B software, data and analytics, cyber-security and industry 4.0 technologies will support Iris Capital investment strategy in these high potential fields.

Itziar spent 10 years as a venture investor at Next47 and Siemens Venture Capital where she fueled and overlooked investments with numerous companies including Black Duck (acq. by Synopsys), Thinkstep (acq. by Sphera / Genstar Capital), Braincube, Polarion (acq. by Siemens), Wurdtech (acq. by GE), Encelium (acq. by OSRAM), LogRhythm (acq. by Thoma Bravo).

Itziar Estevez Latasa started her career at BMW where she gained operational experience in the Munich production plant designing, implementing, and optimizing production lines before joining The Boston Consulting Group in London and Munich to focus on Private Equity and energy projects.

She holds a Mechanical Engineering degree from the Technical University Munich (Germany) and Universidad of Navarra (Spain), and an MBA from London Business School (UK).

### **About Iris Capital**

Iris Capital is a European VC specialized in the digital economy. It fuels entrepreneurs at various stages of maturity, from early-stage to growth equity. With its deep sector specialization and extensive experience acquired over 30+ years, as well as the backing of its corporate sponsors, Iris Capital provides active support to its portfolio companies, through its presence in Paris, Berlin, San Francisco, Tel Aviv, Tokyo and Dubai.

IrisNext, Iris Capital's new fund, includes for industry leaders and institutions such as Orange, Publicis, Valeo, Bridgestone, Bpifrance and BRED Banque Populaire. Iris Capital investments include, among others, companies such as Adjust, Careem, Exotec, Happy Car, Hola, Jedox, Kyriba, LeanIX, Open-Xchange, Mojo, Netatmo, Scality, Secret Double Octopus, Shift Technology, Studitemps, Talend and Virtuo. For more information, visit [www.iriscapital.com](http://www.iriscapital.com)