

## Iris Capital appoints new Partners to focus on early-stage investments

### Stéphane Pesqué hired as Partner and Julien-David Nitlech promoted to Partner



#### **Stéphane Pesqué (41), Partner**

Stéphane Pesqué is joining Iris Capital as a Partner in charge of early-stage investments in France.

Before joining Iris Capital, Stéphane served as Managing Director of CM-CIC Capital Privé (PE subsidiary of CM-CIC, France's 3<sup>rd</sup> largest retail bank) for over 13 years. He actively developed the VC practice, where he mainly operated in the telecoms, internet and software sectors, and has been leading the venture capital team and activities since 2010.

During the past 13 years at CM-CIC Capital Privé, he has invested in more than 20 innovative companies such as: Amplitude Technologies (sold to Cathay PE), Exaprotect (sold to Tibco Inc.), Graitec (sold to Autodesk Inc.), Mister-Auto (sold to PSA), Captain Train (sold to TrainLine), Nexway, Deezer, Spartoo, Babblar, etc.

Previously, he worked at Siparex Ventures as an Associate for 4 years, where he led investments such as Emulation Verification Engineering (sold to Synopsis Inc. - NASDAQ), Microwave Vision (formerly SATIMO - IPO), 3D PLUS (sold to HEICO Corp. NYSE).

Stéphane holds a Master Degree in Innovation & Technology Management of UTC (Université Technologique de Compiègne) and an Engineering Degree from ISTIA (Université d'Angers).



#### **Julien-David Nitlech (38), Partner**

Julien-David has been promoted Partner. Julien-David Nitlech joined Iris Capital in 2013 and is mainly focused on early-stage investments in France/Europe, with a strong expertise in cloud computing, big data, software and mobile. He currently sits on the Boards of Directors of Agorize, Mailjet, Shift Technology and V3D (France).

Prior to joining Iris Capital, Julien-David launched and grew the European activities of Apperian, a US start-up that develops and markets a cloud-based mobile application management platform. Previously, he started his career in business development for Orange US activities, then led the signature of strategic partnerships between Orange and key vendors on convergence of communications. He then headed Orange's portfolio of fixed and mobile devices on B2C and B2B markets worldwide, and contributed to establishing the Orange/DT joint venture, BuyIn.

Julien-David is a graduate from Ecole Polytechnique and Telecom ParisTech (Paris, France).

Antoine Garrigues and Pierre de Fouquet, Co-founders and Managing Partners at Iris Capital, commented:

*"With the addition of Stéphane and the promotion of Julien-David, Iris Capital reinforces its early-stage team in France and reaffirms its commitment to investing in the most innovative start-ups (specialized) in digital transformation. Both of them will also play an important role in developing and nurturing the on-going operational relationships between our corporate sponsors and the digital ecosystem."*

#### **About Iris Capital**

Iris Capital is a European venture capital fund manager specializing in digital economy. Since its inception in 1986, the Iris Capital team has invested more than €1 billion in more than 300 companies. Iris Capital targets opportunities in service or technology companies, seeking growth capital in order to realize their strategy. It provides active support to its portfolio companies on the basis of its strong sector specialization and experience, and has offices in Paris, Cologne, Berlin, San Francisco, Montreal, Riyadh, Dubai, Beijing and Tokyo. In 2012, Iris Capital entered into a strategic partnership with Orange and Publicis to manage their joint venture capital initiative. Iris Capital is currently an investor in more than 50 companies, including Netatmo, Adjust, Adomik, Talend, Scality, Shift Technology, Kyriba, Searchmetrics, Marco Vasco, iAdvize, Lookout, Quantifind, PlaceIQ... For further detailed information on portfolio companies, please go to [www.iriscapital.com](http://www.iriscapital.com)