

Desfilis Advises Petit Forestier on Wren House's Stake Acquisition

Paris, April 29, 2024 – Desfilis law firm has advised the European leader in sustainable refrigeration rental, Petit Forestier Group, on the entry of investment fund Wren House into its capital. Wren House acquired the minority stake previously held by Sofina, a Belgian investment company listed on Euronext Brussels, in the Group since 2007.

This investment strengthens its long-term shareholder base. It provides Petit Forestier with stability to pursue its international development strategy, commitment to the sector's energy transition, and the group's digitalization.

For Wren House, this partnership represents the third investment in the logistic leasing sector over the past two years.

Petit Forestier, a family business established nearly 120 years ago with an annual turnover of over one billion euros, is a leading player in the refrigeration asset leasing sector, covering all cold control-related needs.

London-based Wren House is a fast-growing investment fund aiming to build a diversified, high-quality portfolio of direct investments in OECD country infrastructures.

Desfilis law firm advised Petit Forestier Group on the corporate aspects of the transaction with a team led by Alexandre Piette, Nathalie Hollier-Cheynet and José Desfilis, partners, and Océane Imbert, associate.

Wren House was advised by Allen & Overy and the seller Sofina was advised by Linklaters.

Financial advisors involved in this transaction include Natixis Partners advising Petit Forestier Group; Lazard and CACIB advising Wren House; Rothschild & Co advising Sofina.

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