

## Essling Capital: a new Private Equity player

**Paris, 24 April 2017** - Essling Capital is an independent Private Equity firm founded by Frank Noël-Vandenberghe and Michele Mezzarobba. **Essling Capital is born from the emancipation of the Private Equity team of Massena Partners**, an asset management and investment firm.

Headed up by Michele Mezzarobba, the new company is wholly owned by its partners. Thanks to the existing team of 13 experts, Essling Capital will continue to develop the opportunistic and visionary model that has underpinned the success of Massena Partners' Private Equity business.

### Essling Capital – an independent Private Equity firm

Approved and supervised by the French financial markets regulator (AMF), Essling Capital blends expertise and flexibility to drive innovation in the non-listed sector. Designed by investors for investors, Essling Capital is above all an agile and flexible player pursuing the exclusive goal of creating value for its investors.

Frank Noël-Vandenberghe, founding partner of Massena Partners and Essling Capital, says:

*"After being developed within Massena Partners, this new entity is an important stage in our ambitious expansion process. Our independence will allow us to design and structure innovative Private Equity investment solutions for all our investors."*

Michele Mezzarobba, President of Essling Capital, adds:

*"Our entrepreneurial approach and opportunistic spirit run through our genes. Essling Capital is bound by performance and systematically invests alongside its investors in complete transparency."*

### Essling Capital - solutions designed by investors for investors

Essling Capital currently has more than EUR 1 billion in assets under management in Europe and abroad and aims to double its investment capacity within three years. The firm offers to its international investors opportunities across all asset classes including **minority Co-investments, Funds of Funds (primary and secondary), Real Estate and Non-Listed Debt. Other investment strategies are currently being finalized.**

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- **Biography of Frank Noël-Vandenberghe, Founding Partner of Essling Capital**

Frank Noël-Vandenberghe founded Massena Partners in 1989. Boasting over 25 years' recognized market experience, Frank has proved his outstanding ability to create value for the families he advises by participating in over 60 non-listed deals at Massena Partners in Private Equity, Real Estate and Debt. Frank graduated from State University of San Diego (USA) and from University Lille 2 (France).

- **Biography of Michele Mezzarobba, President of Essling Capital**

Michele has gained over 20 years' experience after starting out at Oddo & Cie before moving to the M&A department at Paribas and then the M&A team at Rothschild & Co. Since 2004 he was CFO, Executive Board Member and Head of Proprietary Investments at Paris Orléans (Rothschild & Co). Michele joined Massena Partners in 2015 as a partner and headed up the Group's non-listed investments. He graduated from Bocconi University in Milan (Italy) and earned an MBA from Wharton School (Philadelphia – USA).

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### **About Essling Capital – [www.esslingcapital.com](http://www.esslingcapital.com)**

Founded in 2017 and led by Michele Mezzarobba, Essling Capital is an independent Private Equity firm. Essling Capital manages and advises on EUR1 billion of assets in Europe and worldwide. Thanks to its international network, Essling Capital offers innovative, pioneering investment solutions to its investors. Essling Capital is a portfolio management company authorized by the AMF, the French financial markets regulator (under administrative regulatory constraint).

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