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idiCo announces the appointment of Jean-Christophe Sampson as Investment Director within its Private Debt team

Paris, 18 September 2026 – idiCo, an asset management company dedicated to supporting French SMEs and mid-sized companies, is strengthening its Private Debt team with the appointment of Jean-Christophe Sampson as Investment Director.

With more than 15 years of experience in private equity and private debt, Jean-Christophe Sampson joins the Private Debt team, led by Camille Delibes. He will notably contribute to the deployment of idiCo Forteresse I, a fund dedicated to strategic companies operating in the defence and sovereignty sectors.

His investment experience, combined with his in-depth understanding of industrial and sovereignty-related issues, will further strengthen idiCo's expertise in these areas. An alumnus of the Institut des hautes études de défense nationale (IHEDN), the French Institute for Advanced Studies in National Defence, and a citizen reservist with the French Navy, Jean-Christophe Sampson has extensive knowledge of the defence ecosystem and its strategic challenges.

“We are delighted to welcome Jean-Christophe to our Private Debt team. His proven investment experience, understanding of the industrial sector and expertise in defence and sovereignty issues will be valuable assets as we continue to deploy Forteresse I. His background will also further strengthen our team as we develop our broader private debt strategy,” said Benjamin Arm, CEO of idiCo.

“Our positioning in private debt is particularly well suited to the needs of SMEs and mid-sized companies in the defence sector. It enables them to finance their growth projects – including industrial investments and external growth – while preserving their ownership structure and independence, which is itself an important sovereignty consideration. To deploy Forteresse I, we needed an investor who understands both the mechanics of investment transactions and the realities of the defence ecosystem. Jean-Christophe brings together these two qualities,” said Camille Delibes, Head of Private Debt at idiCo.

“I would like to thank idiCo for its trust and am delighted to join a team whose conviction I share: SMEs and mid-sized companies in the defence sector are a vital component of our sovereignty. Contributing to the deployment of Forteresse I, a fund focused on such strategic challenges, is a responsibility I take on with great enthusiasm,” said Jean-Christophe Sampson, Private Debt Investment Director at idiCo.

Biography

Jean-Christophe Sampson began his career in strategy consulting at McKinsey & Company before moving into private equity in 2006 with Groupama Private Equity, where he contributed to the launch of Actomezz, a sponsorless investment fund.

In 2012, he joined A Plus Finance to launch its buyout and growth capital activity based on a flexible investment strategy. Following a period at Meeschaert Capital Partners, he worked independently, advising business leaders on LBO and ownership transition transactions, while also acting as an interim manager on operational matters within industrial companies. In 2022, he joined the family office Spice Capital Partners, where he completed several majority small-cap LBO transactions.

A graduate of École Polytechnique and holder of an MBA from INSEAD, Jean-Christophe Sampson has completed and supported more than 30 investments, notably across the industrial, B2B services and healthcare sectors.

About idiCo

idiCo is a leading private equity and private debt investor, licensed by the French Financial Markets Authority (AMF n° GP-20230007) and a subsidiary of Groupe IDI. idiCo invests in French SMEs and mid-cap companies through minority and majority equity stakes, as well as bond financing, to support responsible value creation across three core strategies: lower mid-cap, small cap and private debt. idiCo manages nearly €1 billion in assets across 29 portfolio investments and has supported more than 110 companies in recent years. The management company focuses primarily on healthcare, B2B services, technology and industrial sectors.

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