idiCo Forteresse 1 makes its first investment by backing Groupe Dorise, a leading player in high-performance cutting tools and metrology, to support two strategic acquisitions

Paris, 5 November 2026 – idiCo, the investment management company focused on French SMEs and mid-caps and a subsidiary of Groupe IDI, announces the first investment by its idiCo Forteresse 1 fund, a vehicle dedicated to financing SMEs and mid-caps operating in the defence and strategic sovereignty sectors. idiCo is providing bond financing to Groupe Dorise, a family-owned company based in Le Mans that specialises in high-performance cutting tools and metrology and primarily serves the aerospace, defence, nuclear and energy industries.
Structured alongside bank debt, this financing will enable Groupe Dorise to complete two acquisitions in Savoie and Loire-Atlantique, increasing revenue from approximately €30 million to €50 million while preserving the family's ownership and control.

A century-old family group at the heart of strategic industrial sectors
Founded in 1923 and led for more than thirty years by Philippe Dorise, Groupe Dorise is a French distributor specialising in high-performance cutting tools, metrology and machine-tool equipment. Historically focused on the automotive sector, the group has, under his leadership, shifted strategically towards high-value-added industrial markets, including civil and military aerospace, defence, energy, nuclear and medical applications. It now serves France's leading prime contractors, including MBDA, KNDS, Safran and Framatome, as well as their network of precision-engineering subcontractors.
Organised into regional hubs, DORISE is now one of France's four leading distributors of machining tools, with a clear ambition to reach €100 million in revenue and become a leading European player.

Two acquisitions to strengthen the group's regional footprint and bring the production of special tools in-house
The financing provided by idiCo enables Groupe Dorise to complete two complementary acquisitions:

- in **Savoie**, the acquisition of a manufacturer and distributor, enabling the group to bring the design and production of special tools in-house, a key requirement of its major customers;
- in **Loire-Atlantique**, the acquisition of a regional player, strengthening the group's presence in an area where its footprint was previously limited.

These two transactions extend the group's geographical coverage, provide access to new customers and represent a step change in scale: consolidated revenue will increase from approximately €30 million to €50 million.

Flexible, non-dilutive financing that complements bank debt
idiCo Forteresse 1 is providing bond financing structured in two tranches, alongside senior bank debt provided by the group's banking partners. This structure reflects the fund's purpose: to work alongside banks by meeting the portion of the financing requirement that bank debt alone cannot cover during a period of external growth.
idiCo's fully bond-based financing solution was a key differentiator for the Dorise family, which had also considered minority equity financing. It enables the group to finance its growth while retaining full ownership of the business and control of its governance.
With this investment, idiCo Forteresse 1, which reached an initial close of €65 million in July 2026 towards a target fund size of €200 million, is putting its investment thesis into practice: supporting SMEs and mid-caps operating in deep and resilient markets through financing solutions tailored to the challenges of strategic sovereignty.

Benjamin Arm, CEO of idiCo, said: *"This first investment by idiCo Forteresse 1 embodies what we want to achieve with this fund: supporting strong, growing SMEs and mid-caps rooted in their regions, which are essential links in the aerospace, defence and nuclear value chains. Under the leadership of Philippe Dorise and his daughters, Groupe Dorise*

has successfully repositioned itself in these strategic sectors. We are proud to help it reach a new milestone in its century-long history, while preserving what makes it strong: its independence and family governance."

Camille Delibes, Head of Private Debt at idiCo, added: *"This transaction demonstrates the relevance of our Flex Equity offer for business leaders who want to grow without diluting their ownership. We want to give them the means to develop, both organically and through acquisitions. That is precisely the role we intend to play alongside SMEs operating in strategic sectors: providing a flexible, tailor-made, long-term solution that keeps business leaders in control of their plans."*

Philippe Dorise, Chairman of Groupe Dorise, concluded: *"These two acquisitions are a key step in our development: they complete our regional network, enable us to add new high-value-added suppliers and bring special-tool production in-house, a capability our major customers expect from their partners. To finance them, we had several options, including opening our capital to a minority investor. idiCo's offer matched our needs exactly: a partner who understands our governance and our industry, and financing that works alongside our banks while leaving us fully in control of our family business."*

About idiCo

Formed out of Omnes Capital's private equity business, idiCo is a leading private equity and private debt player, authorised by the French financial markets authority, the Autorité des Marchés Financiers (AMF), under number GP-20230007, and is a subsidiary of Groupe IDI. idiCo invests in French SMEs and mid-caps through minority and majority equity stakes or bond financing, supporting them in responsible value creation through four main strategies: lower mid-cap, small cap, private debt and Defence. idiCo manages nearly €1 billion in assets across 27 portfolio investments and has supported more than 130 companies in recent years. The management company operates primarily in the defence, strategic sovereignty, healthcare, B2B services, technology and niche industry sectors. https://www.idico.fr/

About Groupe Dorise

A family-owned company founded in 1923 and based in Le Mans, Groupe Dorise is a national distributor and importer specialising in high-performance cutting tools, metrology and machine-tool equipment. Organised into regional hubs and structured around its subsidiary DORISE, which, since 1 January 2026, has brought together Mecacoupe, Langlet, Acemtec, Iltec and DMI, the group ranks among the top four French distributors of machining tools. It supports SMEs and large groups in the aerospace, defence, energy, nuclear and medical sectors, from catalogue products to the development of special tools and from engineering design through to manufacturing. The group is a member of GIFAS, the French Aerospace Industries Association, and several aerospace competitiveness clusters. https://www.groupedorise.fr/

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