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## **OFI Private Equity Capital successfully completes the syndication of senior debt for the acquisition of Léon de Bruxelles**

OFI Private Equity Capital announces the successful syndication of the senior debt put raised in April 2008 for the acquisition of Léon de Bruxelles. Led by Société Générale, the banking syndicate includes Crédit Agricole d'Ile-de-France, Banque Commerciale pour le Marché de l'Entreprise (BCME), Banque Populaire, LCL, and Banque Palatine. Further to this syndication, the characteristics of the senior debt are the same, and Société Générale remains the main lender.

With respect to its equity and mezzanine investment, OFI Private Equity Capital had announced on 8 January 2009, the completion of the syndication of a portion of its investment in the share capital of Léon Invest 1 to Céréa Capital for €4.0 million euros, as well as a portion of its "mezzanine" investment in Léon Invest 2 to Céréa Mezzanine and Céréa Capital for a total of €12.7 million euros.

Jean-François Mallinjou, Member of the Management Board of OFI Private Equity said: « In the current difficult market environment, we are grateful to these banks for the confidence that they have shown in Léon de Bruxelles' senior management team and majority shareholder. This commitment to OFI Private Equity Capital confirms our outlook on the future growth and quality of Léon de Bruxelles. »

### **> ABOUT OFI PRIVATE EQUITY**

OFI Private Equity is the investment management company of Group OFI dedicated to private equity investments in secondary buy-out transactions. OFI Private Equity manages more than €150 million through different listed and un-listed investment companies and invests in both equity and mezzanine in French companies with enterprise values of between €15 and €75 million. OFI Private Equity is a dynamic actor in the LBO market in France.

### **> ABOUT OFI PRIVATE EQUITY CAPITAL**

OFI Private Equity Capital is an investment company quoted on NYSE Euronext (code: OPEC), which invests in both equity and mezzanine in secondary buy-outs of French companies with enterprise values of between €15 and €75 million that have been the subject of a previous LBO.

### **> ABOUT LEON INVEST 2**

Léon Invest 2 is a non-quoted company indirectly controlled, through Léon Invest 1, by OFI Private Equity Capital, investment company quoted on NYSE Euronext (code : OPEC) through the private equity funds (FCPR) OFI PEC 1 and OFI EUROPA I managed by OFI Private Equity.

### **> ABOUT LEON DE BRUXELLES**

Léon de Bruxelles is a leader in operating specialty theme restaurants in France. With 48 restaurants, Léon de Bruxelles is the specialist of the Belgian Brasserie, offering a variety of mussels based dishes as well as other Belgian specialties (beer, waffles, etc.). Léon de Bruxelles is listed on Compartment C of NYSE Euronext Paris (code LEON), and additional information can be found at [www.leon-de-bruxelles.fr](http://www.leon-de-bruxelles.fr)