



Press release
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Orange enters into exclusive talks with Argos Soditic to acquire Lexsi, a European leader in Security Threat Intelligence Services

Established in 1999 and based in France, Lexsi provides high-end auditing, consulting, incident response and training services in the field of IT security to more than 400 active customers. The group employs more than 170 experts and runs the largest independent Computer Emergency Response Team in Europe.

The acquisition would represent a new milestone in the development of Orange Cyberdefense, the IT security services subsidiary of Orange Business Services, bringing additional expertise and capabilities to its portfolio and strengthening its position as the IT security services leader in France and a leading player in Europe.

The transaction is subject to the necessary information-consultation meetings with employee representative organizations and is expected to be completed in the second quarter of 2016.

About Orange

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About Argos Soditic

Argos Soditic is an independent European private equity group with offices in Paris, Geneva, Milan, Brussels and Frankfurt. Argos Soditic funds invest in management buy-outs, buy-ins, spin-offs, of small and medium sized companies, focusing on transformation and growth in the acquired companies, ahead of financial leverage. Argos Soditic is a member of InvestEurope (formerly EVCA) as well as national associations in France (AFIC), Italy (AIFI), Switzerland (SECA) and Belgium (BVA). Argos Soditic France is regulated by the AMF and is AIFMD compliant.

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