

Sofindev

Sofindev welcomes Marc Cosaert as Senior Advisor to support its further growth as trusted private equity partner in the Benelux region

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Sofindev is excited to announce Marc Cosaert is joining Sofindev as Senior Advisor to support in its investment activities, with a view to further strengthen Sofindev's position as a leading private equity firm in the Benelux region.



Marc Cosaert retired from his position as Partner Mergers & Acquisitions in Strategy and Transactions at EY Belgium in July 2024, after a successful career of 38 years at EY. Marc has advised countless owners and managers of family businesses on M&A, capital raising and strategic growth and transformation in a wide range of sectors. Marc is a recognized deal maker and trusted advisor in the Belgian market and in this respect, Marc's knowhow, network and dealmaking skills are a valuable addition to Sofindev.

Jan Camerlynck and Eric Van Droogenbroeck, Managing Partners Sofindev commented:

"We are very pleased to welcome Marc as Senior Advisor. He brings a wealth of experience and a strong connection to the entrepreneurial network in Belgium and will play an important role in our investment and value creation processes. Marc is also a vibrant personality who fits with our DNA and style of partnering with portfolio companies in an entrepreneur-friendly way, based on pragmatism, common sense and above all with a human approach. We look forward to Marc's added value as a valuable resource in our Sofindev partnership approach with ambitious entrepreneurs and with our investors."

Marc Cosaert commented:

"Over the course of my career, EY created many opportunities for me to advise family businesses and entrepreneurs on M&A, strategic growth and transformation. I have witnessed the increasing importance and

added value of private equity firms in facilitating succession planning and professionalization in family businesses. By providing capital, strategic guidance and operational expertise, PE firms support entrepreneurs to navigate transformation in growing their business, strengthen their organization and pursue buy and build to create long term value. Sofindev has become a leading private equity player in the Benelux with an excellent reputation as trusted private equity partner. I am proud to join Sofindev as Senior Advisor as I truly believe in its approach to create meaningful value through trusted partnerships with ambitious entrepreneurs, families and founders.”

About Sofindev

Sofindev is a leading independent private equity firm specialized in buyout and growth capital for small and medium-sized companies in the Benelux region. Sofindev was founded in 1991 by two leading family controlled listed groups. Since 2015, the current management team independently raised its first fund, Sofindev IV, and set up partnerships with a wider range of respected family and (international) institutional investors. These investors also include numerous entrepreneurs and owners of family businesses in which Sofindev has invested in the past. Since then, more than €500 million of capital has been raised and invested in Belgian and Dutch small and medium sized companies, including more than 40 add-on acquisitions. Currently, the Sofindev team manages Sofindev IV fund (2015) of €107 million, Sofindev V fund (2020) of €170 million and Sofindev VI fund (2023) of €250 million committed capital. The Sofindev funds invest in successful small and medium-sized companies in the Benelux in close partnership with entrepreneurs and management teams, to support further growth and long term value creation.

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