

LINXIS GROUP'S DAIRY DIVISION IS ACQUIRED BY ITS MANAGEMENT AND CÉREA CAPITAL II

Céréa Capital II, alongside the management and Unexo, has acquired from Linxis Group the three companies of its cheese and dairy division: Chalon-Mégard, Tecnal et Simon Frères.



Linxis Group, formerly Bretèche Industrie, is a supplier of equipment for the agri-food, pharma and cosmetics industries. It has ceded the three companies of its dairy division to focus on its equipment activities for bakery and beauty/health sectors.

The dairy division, renamed Synext Group, is the French leader in cheese equipment (for hard cheeses, such as Comté and Beaufort, as well as soft cheeses, such as Brie or Feta) and the global leader for butter equipment. Based in Niort, Montréal-la-Cluse and Cherbourg, France, the group has roughly 250 employees and sales of €M 50. Its clientele is divided between regional SMEs, cooperatives and large dairy groups across the world.



Led by Jérôme Villard, and with the support of Céréa Capital, Synext Group is beginning a new phase of its development around the following axes:



- strengthening synergies between the 3 entities;
- completion of complementary external growth opportunities in the industry or to extend its geographical presence;
- international development.

About Céréa Partenaire

Since 2004, Céréa Partenaire accompanies SMEs across the Agribusiness sector (companies along the agro-food value chain, including: food, agro-industry, distribution, catering, equipment, packaging, logistics and associated services), in their industrial, commercial and geographic developments through both organic and external growth.

Céréa Partenaire has raised more than 1.3 billion euros from institutional investors and has invested in over 100 transactions. It is the partner of choice, supporting Agribusiness companies in their growth projects through tailored financial solutions in buyout, mezzanine and senior debt financing.

About Linxis Group

Established in 1988, Linxis Group is a leader in the field of industrial equipment and solutions for the agri-food and health sectors. The Group brings together companies that are recognized in their markets and benefit from a global reach. They are particularly recognized for kneading and mixing technologies (Diosna, VMI) and well as dosing (Shick-Estève). Located in Nantes, the company had nearly 1 000 employees at the end of 2017.