



PRESS RELEASE

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## Bretèche Industrie becomes LINXIS group

**Founded in 1988, Bretèche Industrie has established itself as a clear leader in the sector of specialized equipment solutions. Thanks to strategic acquisitions and a fast-growing performance benefiting from synergies throughout the companies, its footprint has widened. Bretèche Industrie has decided to signify this next generation of growth by becoming LINXIS Group.**

The management team of Bretèche Industrie and their key financial partner IK Investment Partners have revealed the new name and identity that will drive the future growth of the leading player in the sector of specialized equipment solutions: LINXIS Group. This strategic move is triggered by the desire to stay in tune with a changing world where customer demands drive business development, where agility is a mandatory to drive innovations and new business opportunities, and where leadership can only thrive on a global scale.

*“Within a few decades our group has attracted and gathered 7 best in class and world leaders in the food and health industries, whose job is to ensure the seamless integration of highly specialized equipment designed by focused manufacturers”,* adds Didier Soumet, LINXIS Group CEO. The Group has multiple success stories worldwide that have made the conglomerate a powerful global player. *“LINXIS Group has a bright future as it takes place within a growing market where each new industrial request is an opportunity to prove both excellence and ability to put new inventive solutions in place”,* says Didier Soumet.

LINXIS Group was founded on leveraging synergies between companies, and is now driving its entities towards one common purpose: leveraging collective expertise to develop and implement smart, specialized equipment solutions, enabling customers be best in class industrial players wherever they operate.

The CEO has clearly stated how the customer mindset should be positioned within the company: *“Every day, our teams work hard to bring value to what matters to their customers. If you listen to them, they want true partnership and closeness; they demand flexibility; they expect innovative and straightforward answers to complex situations; they need excellence at all stages ... and they are right”.*

LINXIS Group can rely on cutting edge designs, worldwide reach, engagement in product development and R&D, and leading positions in the bakery, health and dairy industries. Service attitude is cultivated within the group to be able to combine local market commitment and global customer care.



The cornerstone of LINXIS Group culture is made of five living and uniting values: **Excellence in action; passionate professionalism; solution-driven innovations; fully dedicated support for customers; trusted and respectful relationships.**

#### Why "LINXIS"?

It's a name that conveys 'linking power'; it's a name that evokes new systems; it's a name that claims the will to be part of a modern world in constant evolution; it's a name that embraces an international reach and mindset.

To learn more: <http://www.linxisgroup.com>

LINXIS Group can build upon a sustainable growth of +14% per year over the last three years to claim a €225 (US\$ 267) million turnover today, backed by the stability and strength of the entire team all over. This puts the group on solid ground for further acquisitions and partnerships to complement global presence and organic growth.

#### About IK Investment Partners

IK Investment Partners ("IK") is a Pan-European private equity firm focused on investments in the Nordics, DACH region, France, and Benelux. Since 1989, IK has raised more than €9 (US\$10.7) billion of capital and invested in over 100 European companies. IK funds support companies with strong underlying potential, partnering with management teams and investors to create robust, well-positioned businesses with excellent long-term prospects.

For more information, visit <http://www.ikinest.com/>

#### About LINXIS Group's companies

All our companies are experts in specialized equipment solutions in the bakery, health and dairy industries.

- **VMI** (France) and **DIOSNA** (Germany) are leaders in the bakery and health industries.
- **TECNAL** (France), **CHALON MEGARD** (France) and **SIMON FRERES** (France) are involved in dairy activities.
- **SHICK ESTEVE** (USA, France) specializes in dry and liquid ingredient handling solutions in the food industry.

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