

Ardian Semiconductor Completes Acquisition of Synergie Cad Group, a Leading Semiconductor Test Interface Company

Ardian, a world-leading private investment house, announces that it has completed the acquisition of Synergie Cad Group, a leading player in the design and manufacture of semiconductor test interface solutions. This acquisition follows the acquisition of IBS in October 2024 and represents the second investment of Ardian Semiconductor, the pioneering private equity investment platform dedicated to the semiconductor industry, formed through an exclusive strategic partnership with Silian Partners.

Founded in 1986 and based in Carros, France, Synergie Cad specializes in the development of advanced test interface solutions enabling leading semiconductor companies to optimize the testing and validation of their complex chip designs. With a strong reputation for quality, reliability, and customization, across a wide range of semiconductor applications, Synergie Cad has established itself as a trusted partner to a diverse range of customers globally.

Through this acquisition, Ardian Semiconductor aims to accelerate Synergie Cad's growth by leveraging its extensive industry expertise and global network, enabling the company to expand its product offering and enhance its market position. The partnership will focus on innovation, operational efficiency, and augmented customer intimacy, providing the company with the resources it needs to scale and meet growing demand for increasingly sophisticated test interface solutions.

Prior to the acquisition, Synergie Cad was owned by Alain Librati, the management team, Prudentia Capital, and BNP Paribas Développement. Ardian Semiconductor acquired a controlling stake in the company, whilst Alain Librati, the management team and BNP Paribas Développement have reinvested as minority shareholders.

"We are thrilled to partner with Ardian and Silian Partners, who bring a unique set of financial, strategic and operational capabilities, which will be invaluable to help us accomplish our ambition to accelerate our growth and continue to enhance the value we deliver to our customers. We are thankful to Prudentia Capital and BNP Paribas Développement who have supported us since 2020 to invest in a state-of-the-art manufacturing facility in Vietnam, which will be a strategic asset underpinning our future growth strategy."

● ALAIN LIBRATI ● CEO AND CO-FOUNDER, SYNERGIE CAD

"We are honored to join forces with Synergie Cad, which strongly aligns with our mission to transform proven European technology companies into global leaders in their market segment. We are committed to bringing the required resources and support to Alain Librati and his team to help them fulfill the potential of the company."

● LISE FAUCONNIER ● SENIOR MANAGING DIRECTOR, ARDIAN

"We have been impressed by Synergie Cad's technical achievements, know-how and excellent reputation with customers globally. This represents an ideal foundation for us to build upon and create value by bringing our experience and expertise in strategically pivoting and scaling companies."

● CHRISTOPHE DUVERNE ● PARTNER, SILIAN PARTNERS

ABOUT ARDIAN

Ardian is a world-leading private investment house, managing or advising \$176bn of assets on behalf of more than 1,720 clients globally. Our broad expertise, spanning Private Equity, Real Assets and Credit, enables us to offer a wide range of investment opportunities and respond flexibly to our clients' differing needs. Through Ardian Customized Solutions we create bespoke portfolios that allow institutional clients to specify the precise mix of assets they require and to gain access to funds managed by leading third-party sponsors. Private Wealth Solutions offers dedicated services and access solutions for private banks, family offices and private institutional investors worldwide. Ardian's main shareholding group is its employees and we place great emphasis on developing its people and fostering a collaborative culture based on collective intelligence. Our 1,050+ employees, spread across 19 offices in Europe, the Americas, Asia and Middle East are strongly committed to the principles of Responsible Investment and are determined to make finance a force for good in society. Our goal is to deliver excellent investment performance combined with high ethical standards and social responsibility. At Ardian we invest all of ourselves in building companies that last.

Ardian Semiconductor, a pioneering private equity investment platform dedicated to the semiconductor industry, was formed by Ardian through an exclusive strategic partnership with Silian Partners, a team of highly successful senior executives from the semiconductor industry totaling more than 140 years of experience, contributing unique industry relationships, strategic vision, and operational focus. Ardian and Silian Partners work as One Team to bring innovative and flexible capital solutions, as well as strategic and operational capabilities, to transform strong technology companies into global leaders in their market segments. Ardian Semiconductor is uniquely positioned to seize opportunities in the semiconductor industry, a critical enabler of the digital transformation, AI revolution and green transition of the global economy. The industry is forecasted to double in size over this decade to reach \$1 trillion by 2030 driven by powerful and predictable technology megatrends.

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ABOUT SYNERGIE CAD

Founded in 1986 and headquartered in Carros, France, Synergie Cad has been designing and manufacturing semiconductor test interfaces alongside complementary services for the world's most complex test applications for over 35 years. With design and manufacturing operations strategically located throughout Europe, Asia and North America, Synergie Cad is well positioned to seamlessly provide test interface solutions to our Global customer base.

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ABOUT BNP PARIBAS DEVELOPPEMENT

BNP Paribas Développement is an independent subsidiary of BNP Paribas which has for more than 35 years taken minority stakes in successful SMEs to support their growth and secure their long-term development by facilitating their transmission. In addition to providing the financial resources that permit stability, BNP Paribas Développement's mission is to assist management teams in carrying out strategic medium-term projects. As a minority shareholder we provide our partners with appropriate governance without interference in day-to-day management. They also benefit from the strength of a leading banking group and the experience of a partner with more than 500 diversified investments, including 80 startups.

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