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Klecha & Co. continues its expansion in the European tech M&A market with the opening of its new office in France

The first step in the French capital will be the organization of an event on digital sovereignty with institutions, experts in geopolitics, companies and investors on 5th February.

Paris, 3rd February, 2020 – Klecha & Co., a European private investment bank focused on tech advisory headquartered in Italy, continues its European expansion plan with the opening of its new offices in Paris to strengthen its leadership in M&A activity within the tech sector. The French office will be led by Stephane Klecha and enables the investment bank to monitor and serve the French market, which is a key one, offering bespoke services based on its specific know-how and track record.

Founded in 2009, Klecha & Co. is already present in Milan, New York and London. During its 10 years of activity, the company has completed more than 50 M&A and capital raising transactions, for a total amount of Eur 2 billion, with a further 14 deals in the pipeline. Its high degree of specialization in software and technology services markets enables the investment bank to offer its clients highly qualified assistance in each phase of the M&A process, from support in defining a client's strategy to the execution of transactions.

*"France is one of the European countries that invests the most to feed a network of highly technological businesses ranging from established companies to start ups" said **Stephane Klecha, Managing Partner of Klecha & Co.**; "Take the examples of French Tech program, launched by the French government in 2013, and Investment Program for the Future (PIA) worth Eur 57 billion. For this reason, this is a very important step for us. Accordingly, we chose Paris to host a discussion table on the theme of **Digital Sovereignty** at the beginning of February, a topic of strategic importance today for the European continent from the point of view of geopolitics and economics, not only of technology.*

*"We firmly believe that the advisory activity also represents a powerful industrial policy tool, and our presence in France will allow us to be even more effective in supporting European tech champions in their international development endeavours" added **Stephane Klecha, Managing Partner of Klecha & Co.***

The Digital Sovereignty event, that will be held in Paris in February, is part of the conference cycle "The New Paradigm" that Klecha & Co. has organized to promote discussion and the exchange of ideas among the main stakeholders of the sector including military forces, institutions, entrepreneurs, academics, and investors that are involved in the digital revolution. Speakers will include: Mario Monti (former Italian Prime Minister and EU Commissioner), Laurent Giovachini Deputy (Deputy CEO Sopra Steria and Member of the Executive Committee of Medef), Michel Paulin (CEO of OVHcloud) and Marco Varone (Chairman and CTO of Expert System).

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