

PRESS RELEASE**CIC PRIVATE DEBT EXPANDS EUROPEAN FOOTPRINT TO DACH REGION
AND CLOSES ITS FIRST DEAL IN GERMANY**

- **Appointment of Erwin SCHREIBER as Investment Director DACH**
- **Closing of first senior debt transaction in Germany**

Paris, 20 May 2025. CIC Private Debt, a La Française group member, has successfully expanded its European footprint to Germany. The private debt specialist, with €3.5 billion¹ in assets under management, is pleased to announce the appointment of **Erwin SCHREIBER as Investment Director DACH**, reporting directly to **Guillaume RICO, Deputy Managing Director, CIC Private Debt**. Erwin Schreiber is located in Frankfurt am Main at the La Française office.

Guillaume RICO said, *“Developing our activities more broadly in Europe is a strategic move for CIC Private Debt. On the one hand, it will increase even more portfolio diversification for our existing LPs. On the other hand, the aim is also to upscale at a European level our investment philosophy and niche approach in order to bring the best of our value proposition to non-French LPs preferring European to country-focus strategies. Establishing a strong footprint in Germany was a natural step, as Germany is the second domestic market of our group’s shareholder, Crédit Mutuel Alliance Fédérale. With Targobank and more recently its acquisition of OLB² (whose acquisition finance teams are very active on our small to lower-mid cap segment), Crédit Mutuel Alliance Fédérale offers CIC Private Debt, the in-house local partnership that will help to replicate the business model, which has made CIC Private Debt successful for 22 years in France. We are pleased to welcome Erwin whose expertise will be a catalyst for driving growth.”*

Erwin SCHREIBER added, *“Due to CIC Private Debt’s strong brand and track-record, flexible financing solutions across the capital structure and focus, particularly on the lower mid-market, we have already seen a strong interest from market participants to work together with us, just shortly after the launch of our DACH activities.”*

In the first quarter of 2025, CIC Private Debt closed its first senior debt transaction in Germany, supporting Ufenau Capital Partners AG with the financing of ebutec Group. The new financing enables the company to expand its leading market position in the field of energy-efficient refurbishment of commercial buildings.

“The swift closing of our first German deal, only five months after the launch of our DACH operations, reflects our strong market access and high acceptance by stakeholders, and proves our ability to smoothly replicate our robust investment process in Germany,” noted Erwin Schreiber.

¹ Source: CIC private Debt, as at 31/12/2024

² Oldenburgische Landesbank

Guillaume Rico concluded, *“While expanding our loan book outside of France, we do not compromise on credit quality and remain selective. Additionally, ebutec, a company dedicated to decarbonizing the building segment, fits perfectly with our ESG strategy.”*

Erwin Schreiber has fifteen years of experience in corporate finance and private debt.

Erwin began his career in 2010 with Unicredit as a Credit Analyst before specializing in acquisition finance, capital structure advisory and corporate structured finance. After seven years, he joined IKB's leveraged finance department and later moved to Deutsche Credit Capital Partners, where he was responsible for direct lending origination in DACH, Benelux and the Nordics. Prior to joining CIC Private Debt in September of 2024, Erwin was a Senior Investment Manager in Robeco's private debt team for more than three years.

Erwin Schreiber is a part-time lecturer in Corporate Finance at the Frankfurt School of Finance & Management.

Erwin holds a Master of Law from the Frankfurt School of Finance & Management and Master of Arts in Accounting & Finance from FOM Hochschule für Oekonomie & Management. He holds an undergraduate degree in Banking & Finance from DHBW Mannheim.

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Founded in 2003, CIC Private Debt manages €3.5 billion on behalf of institutional and private investors. CIC, the historical sponsor, continues to invest in the funds managed by CIC Private Debt. 8 % of assets are managed on behalf of CIC.

CIC Private Debt is comprised of 42 investment professionals, based in Paris, London and Frankfurt.

As a reference in disintermediated financing for European SMEs and ETIs, the management company is certified by the AMF as an AIFM.

With more than 21 years of experience in the market, the management team has developed a strong sourcing network with private equity firms, M&A advisors, debt advisors and specialized banking teams. CIC Private Debt also works closely with the corporate networks of CIC and Crédit Mutuel.

Since its creation, CIC Private Debt has financed over 500 companies.

CIC Private Debt has undertaken to adopt a responsible investor policy covering environmental, social/societal and governance themes, through the establishment of a Responsible Investment Charter. This ESG Charter applies to all teams and funds under management. CIC Private Debt is also a signatory of the Principles for Responsible Investment (PRI) and the France Invest charter.

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