

## Capzantine invests in Horizon Software, tech provider to financial industry

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5 June 2018, Paris, Hong Kong: [Capzantine<sup>1</sup>](#), a European Private Equity firm, has invested in [Horizon Software](#) (Horizon), becoming a majority shareholder alongside Horizon's CEO, Sylvain Thieullent, and its management team, to support organic and global growth.

From its inception in 1998, Horizon has worked with investment banks in the design of its first electronic trading platform. Today, with 90 clients in 26 countries and connectivity to over 70 exchanges, multi award-winning Horizon provides advanced trading technology for investment banks, brokers and hedge funds.

Horizon's trading platform provides immediate access to a comprehensive range of features and the ability to execute sophisticated strategies and workflows through powerful customisation. The company, which employs 100 people, is headquartered in Paris with offices in France and operations worldwide, as well as a strong footprint in the APAC region. The management team, along with Sylvain Thieullent, has ambitious development plans in France and globally, both organically and through external growth.

Benoit Choppin, partner at Capzantine, commented: "Horizon Software shows great promise; the management team aspires to expand in APAC and the Americas, develop new asset classes and reinforce its position in France. We are very happy to invest together with the management and support Horizon Software in this new development era."

Sylvain Thieullent, CEO of Horizon Software, added: "The management team and I are convinced by Capzantine's capacity to support the company in this exciting new developmental phase. We share a common goal, namely value creation through strong commitment to delivering quality to clients. This alignment will allow Horizon to accelerate its growth while staying focused on its expertise."

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<sup>1</sup> Capzantine is the commercial name of Atalante SAS, portfolio management company approved on 11/29/2014 by the « Autorité des Marchés Financiers » under GP-04000065

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### **About Horizon Software**

Since 1998; Horizon Software provides technology to 90 financial institutions in 26 countries, supported by an experienced team of trading and technology experts.

Horizon Software focuses on all trading businesses related to listed markets such as delta-one, structured products and options market making & trading. Combining a complete offer of native trading functionalities within the application and the sophisticated algorithmic capabilities, our clients create, test and implement automated strategies within incredibly short timescales.

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