

Sénevé Capital and the management of Loyez Woessen welcome Unigrains to the company's capital after three years of strong growth

Paris, June 1st, 2021 – Unigrains, the agri-food and agro-industry specialized investor, has taken a stake in the capital of Loyez Woessen, which expects to continue its strong growth. Unigrains thus joins Sénevé Capital, majority shareholder of the Group since 2017, and its managers.

Founded in 1922 and based in Phalempin in the *Hauts de France* region, Loyez Woessen is specialized in the transformation and packaging of butter for large food retailers, combining quality products with efficient services in terms of supply and pricing. Thanks to a completely renovated, IFS High Level certified, 4 000m² production site and a 3 800m² logistics platform, Loyez Woessen offers a complete range of butter in consumer-sized portions (gourmet, tender, organic, pasture, etc.), under private label and its own brands. Managed by Xavier Burette and Cédric Delannay with 50 employees, the company has sales of roughly €M 100, representing nearly 20kT of butter commercialized in France and through export.

Loyez Woessen intends to consolidate its place in the French market and accelerate its development and product range expansion. Unigrains, thanks to its expertise in the French agri-food sector and its proximity with agriculture, perfectly meets the ambitions of the company and its shareholders.

The evolution of the shareholder structure allow allows Sénevé Capital and the managers to realize part of their investment, while remaining strongly involved in the future growth of the company.

Xavier Burette, President of Loyez Woessen, declared: *"With recognized, long standing expertise in our industry in France and abroad, Unigrains is perfectly positioned to understand our challenges. We are delighted to begin this new collaboration."*

Jean de Sampigny, Founding Partner of Sénevé Capital, added: *"Positioned as a provider to solutions tailored to the needs of mass retailers in the dairy products market, which shown its resilience during the health crisis, Loyez Woessen is well set on its growth trajectory following the successful entrepreneurial buyout completed in 2017. The arrival of Unigrains brings complementary sector expertise and we are happy to welcome them alongside us in this project."*

Nicolas Mulle, Investment Director with Unigrains, concluded: *"We are delighted to support Loyez Woessen in its new growth projects. We believe in the Group's strong potential and, alongside Sénevé Capital, we will support Xavier Burette, Cédric Delannay and their teams in order to seize the best growth opportunities."*

Actors involved in the transaction

New investor	Unigrains (Nicolas Mulle, Géraldine Salomon, Mehdi Billaud, Cécilia Martijena)
Historic investors	Sénevé Capital (Jean de Sampigny, Louis de Lestanville) Dirigeants Loyez Woessen (Xavier Burette, Cédric Delannay)
Unigrains financial DD	Grant Thornton (Thierry Dartus, Jérôme Duflos)
Unigrains legal DD	De Pardieu Broccas Maffei (Eric Müller, François Bourassin)
Loyez Woessen financial DD	Oderis (Julien Passerat, Lan Chau, Aurélia de Foucaucourt)
Loyez Woessen legal DD	Lamartine Conseil (Bintou Niang, Raphaël Saulneron)



About Sénevé Capital

Sénevé Capital partners with entrepreneurs and buyers with ambitious development projects for their companies. Its investment strategy is focused on companies in a phase of accelerating growth, entrepreneurial transfer or strategic change in shareholding. Its founding partners, Louis de Lestanville and Jean de Sampigny, have a combined experience of 40 years in private equity having invested €M 500, mainly in the context of entrepreneurial transformations (MBI, carve-outs, spin-offs).

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About Unigrains

For over 55 years, Unigrains has accompanied the development of agri-food and agro-industry companies providing tailor-made financial solutions in equity and quasi-equity, as well as contributing its recognized industry expertise. Unigrains manages 1 billion euros and is a partner for nearly 100 companies, operating at various stages of their development, notably capital restructurings, strategic investments and acquisitions, and ensuring national and international growth.

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