



Press Release

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BBS and its founder, advised by Aforge Finance, sell Trigo to the management and AtriA Capital Partenaires

BBS and its founder have sold the Trigo group, a leading provider of quality-control services to industry, to AtriA Capital Partenaires as part of a secondary LBO with the management.

Trigo is the French foremost specialist in quality control and related services, with more than 50 facilities in France and subsidiaries in China, Turkey, Rumania and Russia. The company was incorporated in 1997 and quickly set the standard for quality control in the French automobile industry, earning a reputation for independence, dependability, quickness of response and its ability to work at all of its clients' facilities. Trigo later expanded its business to other industries, including aerospace, electronics and agricultural machinery. It had a turnover of 39 million euros in 2006.

The soundness of the Trigo business model and the strategic options chosen by its management convinced AtriA of the group's potential for international growth and of its management's ability to successfully tackle markets in China, India, Eastern Europe and Russia.

AtriA now owns a majority stake in the Trigo acquisition entity. The acquisition team was headed by Stephan Pham, chairman of the executive committee, assisted by committee member Mireille Trolet. It included four senior executives who have been in charge of Trigo's expansion over the past three years.

Aforge Finance advised the sellers. The deal provides another example of Aforge Finance's expertise in LBOs.

Financial Advisor to the Sellers:

Aforge Finance: Jean-Philippe Debas (managing partner), Louis Huetz de Lempis (partner), Michael Chicheportiche (manager)

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