

SuperSonic Imagine concludes the extension of its second round of financing

SuperSonic Imagine announces the completion of a second round of fund-raising of €6 million with Wellington Partners and ICSO Private Equity.

Edmond de Rothschild Investment Partners was the leader in this fund-raising round that started in October 2008 with a global amount of €26 million.

This second 6 M€ closing completes the second round of financing of a total of €26 million started in October 2008 with Edmond de Rothschild Investment Partners, investor of €7 million, along side Auriga Partners, Crédit Agricole Private Equity, NBGI Ventures and BioAm, historical investors who have renewed their financial backing with a further €13 million.

This second financial round allows SuperSonic Imagine to finance the industrialization and the commercialization, in France and internationally, of the Aixplorer® Ultrasound System, with its first clinical application dedicated to diagnosing breast pathologies.

SuperSonic Imagine's revolutionary ultrasound system received the CE Mark and is today commercialized from the head office of Aix-en-Provence and the London and Munich offices which opened in December 2008. A sales network composed of more than 20 distributor partners in Belgium, Eastern Europe (Austria, Croatia, Poland, Czech Republic), Asia (Singapore, Taiwan, Thailand, Malaysia, Hong Kong), Lebanon and the United-States, has also been developed. The first sales of the Aixplorer® were recorded in the first quarter of 2009 with the first order coming from the University Hospital in Tours, France.

This second round of financing follows a first round of €10 million that was led in March 2006 by Crédit Agricole Private Equity alongside Auriga Partners, NBGI Ventures and BioAm along with a seed round of €550 000 financed by SuperSonic Imagine founder and CEO Jacques Souquet and Auriga Partners.

Founded in 2005 by Jacques Souquet, a well-known expert in ultrasound technology, and a group of respected ultrasound and medical imaging researchers, SuperSonic Imagine has developed in two and a half years a new, revolutionary imaging mode—transient elastography or ShearWave™ Elastography. ShearWave™ Elastography enables, for the first time, the visualization of shear waves that are generated by the Aixplorer® system, this technology can measure and quantify tissue elasticity. This technological breakthrough, solely owned and patented by SuperSonic Imagine, challenges the giants of medical imaging.

“We are delighted by the trust our investors have shown in us and we are excited about the very good response we have received from the market regarding our unique technology which will revolutionize ultrasound medical imaging.” comments Jacques Souquet, founder and CEO of SuperSonic Imagine.

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About SuperSonic Imagine

SuperSonic Imagine, based in Aix-en-Provence, France, is a young, innovative, multicultural company with a commitment to providing advanced technology to improve medical diagnosis. Founded in 2005 by world-renowned ultrasound and medical imaging research scientists, SuperSonic Imagine has developed Aixplorer®, an ultrasound system with a revolutionary imaging technology. With close to 100 employees in offices on 4 continents, the company holds twenty-one international patents and submissions that are solely owned and solely used by SuperSonic Imagine.

www.supersonicimagine.com

About Aixplorer®

Aixplorer® is a next-generation ultrasound imaging system with unique technology that offers advantages in lesion detection and characterization. Using a method of imaging called ShearWave™ Elastography, Aixplorer can measure true tissue elasticity, in real time providing quantifiable, user-skill independent and reproducible results. The Aixplorer ultrasound system also provides impeccable images and sophisticated features all packaged in an ergonomic design, to assist in the imaging diagnostic process. Aixplorer was named after its birthplace, Aix-en-Provence, in France.

About Edmond de Rothschild Investment Partners (EdRIP)

Paris-based Edmond de Rothschild Investment Partners is dedicated to minority investments into privately-owned companies. It has currently EUR 650M under management which is being invested primarily as life sciences venture capital and growth capital.

Its Life Science Team of six professionals brings together over 30 years of experience in the Life Science industry and more than 50 years of private equity and venture capital experience. The team has approximately EUR 300 M under management after having recently raised EUR 150 M through BioDiscovery III. Edmond de Rothschild Investment Partners is an independently managed affiliate of La Compagnie Financière Edmond de Rothschild Banque.

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About Wellington Partners

Wellington Partners invests in young and innovative companies in the information and communication sector and in the life science sector which create and use global technologies. With offices in Munich, London and Zurich, Wellington Partners invest all over Europe, focusing especially on German language markets. Wellington Partners manages with the actual funds (ICT and life sciences) 345 million Euros and invests between 1 million and 10 million Euros during a first round and up to 20 million Euros during next rounds.

www.wellington-partners.com

About ICSO Private Equity

ICSO Private Equity is a FCPR and FIP management company which develops risk capital activities, LBO and Capital Development. Founded 26 years ago, the team is comprised of 18 people, 11 of whom are professional investors with vast knowledge of many sectors such as health, energy, and technology markets.

Based in Toulouse and Bordeaux, ICSO Private Equity is the most important French regional independent protagonist. ICSO runs about €200 million of assets and invests from 0.5 to € 10 million by project, in priority with companies in the West and South of France as well as in the North of Spain.

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