

## Press release

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### **Inetum reinforces its expertise in cybersecurity with the acquisition of Ilex International**

**Inetum (formerly Gfi), leader in digital services and solutions, cinches the acquisition of Ilex International, the n°1 developer of IAM (Identity and Access Management) software in France. A major transaction in the cybersecurity for the IT services company that is fully in line with its strategic plan UPSCALE23. The Group, which is present in 26 countries, integrates some of the best players in the digital ecosystem to consolidate its capacity to intervene in cybersecurity and to help its clients make the most of digital flow.**

#### **Ilex International, France's leading developer of identity and access management software**

In world riddled with constant challenges related to cybersecurity, which is one of the pillars of its UPSCALE23 strategy, Inetum acquires Ilex International, the number 1 French vendor of IAM (Identity & Access Management) software.

Ilex International has over the past 30 years and more developed a strong and extensive expertise in information systems by establishing partnerships with mainly large corporate accounts, but also numerous mid-cap companies. By supporting its customers from various business sectors such as banking and insurance, defence, healthcare, media, energies, and retail, Ilex International today enables more than 14 million users to benefit from its IAM solutions in France and worldwide.



The upgradable Ilex International platform gives companies an overall view of their IAM needs and offers a comprehensive response to each of their challenges. This approach guarantees a 360° strategy for access management (Ilex Access Management) as well as identity and rights management (Ilex Identity Management). Through progressive, sequenced implementation, the Ilex International platform reinforces and improves the user experience and adapts perfectly to heterogenous environments.

#### **A key step for Inetum in its strategic UPSCALE23 plan**

The acquisition of the leading IAM software vendor will allow Inetum to pursue the development of its Software offer on the cybersecurity market, and will help to reinforce its strategic 5-year plan. It is a comprehensive and unique value proposition which matches its UPSCL23 plan that will be rolled out in all countries where Inetum is present.

The acquisition will lead to the creation of a new specialised Cybersecurity sector within Inetum's Software Business Line. It will serve as a significant leverage for the Group's cyber practices thanks to proven

expertise on the topic in terms of consulting and services to its clients, and in each of the countries where the IT services company is present.

Vincent Rouaix, CEO of Inetum, says: "The acquisition of Ilex International will enable Inetum to pursue its development in all the strategic aspects of identity and access management in organisations to meet our clients' challenges. Our growth strategy is often based on the integration of leading experts in their field. This is the case with Ilex International and cybersecurity. Ilex will become part of Inetum's Software Global Business Line which is headed by Corporate VP Martin Hubert, and will from a sales angle be associated with the Group's Consulting and Integration business in the same field, to create a comprehensive and unique value proposition that will be deployed worldwide. Our aim is to propose an innovative offer that is perfectly suited to the challenges of the future in terms of digital identity and access control, and that will continue to stand out from the competition. I wish all the Ilex International employees welcome in the Inetum Group."

Ilex International CEO Olivier Morel adds: "We are very happy to join the Inetum Group. This transaction will enable us to expand the impact of Ilex's solutions worldwide, develop numerous synergies of our offer with the various activities of the Group, and consolidate the development of a strategic cybersecurity offer within the Software Business Line."

### **About Inetum, Positive digital flow:**

*Inetum is an agile IT services company that provides digital services and solutions, and a global group that helps companies and institutions to get the most out of digital flow. In a context of perpetual movement, where needs and usages are constantly being reinvented, the Inetum group is committed towards all these players to innovate, continue to adapt, and stay ahead. With its multi-expert profile, Inetum offers its clients a unique combination of proximity, a sectorial organisation, and solutions of industrial quality. Operating in more than 26 countries, the Group has nearly 27,000 employees and in 2020 generated revenues of €1.966 billion.*

### **About Ilex International:**

*Established in 1989, Ilex International is the number 1 French vendor of Identity & Access Management (IAM) software. As partner to most key accounts and many mid-sized companies, Ilex International has more than 70 employees, and in the past 30 years and more has developed strong and extensive expertise in information system security. Ilex International supports its customers, current and prospective, in their*

*IAM strategy thanks to its proven expertise and a comprehensive platform that today counts over 14 million users in France and worldwide.*

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