

## PRESS RELEASE

### **Tikehau Ace Capital has reached a binding agreement with Groupe Rossi Aero's shareholders and lenders to take a majority stake.**

**Paris and Toulouse – December 10th, 2021: Tikehau Ace Capital, a private equity investment firm specialised in strategic industries and technologies, has reached a binding agreement with Groupe Rossi Aero's shareholders and lenders to take, through its aerospace fund, a majority stake in the group, which offers speedshop, serial manufacturing and MRO services to the global aerospace industry.**

Created by the Rossi family in 1976, Groupe Rossi Aero has become a tier-1 supplier of speedshop, serial manufacturing and MRO services to the global aerospace industry. It supplies a broad range of build-to-print machined and sheet metal finished detailed parts and assemblies and is recognised for on-time delivery, quality, and responsiveness. Groupe Rossi Aero operates three sites in the Toulouse area and holds a key position in the aerospace supply chain. A strategic supplier to Airbus, the group has established itself as a long-term partner for key aerospace-industry leading players.

In 2017, the group diversified its activities to recurring manufacturing services with the construction of the Eurocentre plant, a state-of-the-art facility at the forefront of the industry in terms of equipment, robotization and process automation. The Covid crisis, which has heavily weighted on the aeronautical sector in the last two years, had a strong impact on the Group's business and financial profile as the Group had to carry the debt related to this recent large-scale investment.

Tikehau Ace Capital is investing in Groupe Rossi Aero through its last aerospace fund. This investment will help strengthen the group's capital structure and accelerate Groupe Rossi Aero's national and international development in a context of recovery in aircraft production rates.

The transaction closing is scheduled before year-end.

"Welcoming Tikehau Ace Capital as a majority shareholder is a mark of confidence and a recognition of the work accomplished by all our teams over the last few years. Our company has a recognized key position in the aeronautical value chain as a rapid manufacturing specialist. Our leitmotiv remains to ensure a high performance customer service and quality excellence and relying on a solid shareholder such as Tikehau Ace with whom we share the same vision will allow us to address the new challenges of tomorrow. Moreover, we would like to thank all the stakeholders who supported us during this long lasting major crisis.

As historical shareholders, Céline and I are delighted to initiate this new chapter in the history of our family group."  
" says Mathieu Rossi, Chairman – Groupe Rossi Aero.

"Groupe Rossi Aero has established itself as a strategic partner of the aerospace value-chain. As a leading and recognized speedshop player with best-in-class capabilities, Groupe Rossi Aero will play a key role in the recovery of program rates within the civil aerospace market. Short delay, on-demand manufacturing of components will be key to avoid failures on the supply chain. With its modern industrial tool, Groupe Rossi Aero has significant

capacity to absorb market growth, and we are delighted to bring our support to the management and help them accelerate their growth which will be a driver for the whole sector's recovery in the context of this unprecedented crisis." adds Guillaume Benhamou, Managing Director & CEO – Tikehau Ace Capital.

**About Groupe Rossi Aero:**

Groupe Rossi Aero was built in 1976, and historically focused on speedshop activities, with a reputation of excellence in terms of quality and on time delivery. It then diversified to small and serial manufacturing services and maintenance, repair, and operations. Thanks to its reputation, Groupe Rossi Aero secured its position as key player in the aerospace value chain.

Rossi Aero has about 200 employees and generated a turnover of about €20 million in 2020.

<https://www.rossi-aero.com>

**About Tikehau Ace Capital**

Tikehau Ace Capital is a private equity firm specialised in strategic industries and technologies, with €1.3 billion in assets under management. Founded in 2000, Ace invests with a vertical approach in strategic industries (e.g. Aerospace, Defense and technologies (e.g. Cybersecurity)). Ace has built its model on strategic partnerships with large corporates (including Airbus, Safran, Dassault Aviation, Thales, EDF, Naval Group, and Sopra Steria), which invest in its funds and maintain an ongoing dialogue with the firm, enabling Ace to take a differentiated approach to investing.

Tikehau Ace is present in Paris, Toulouse and benefits from the worldwide presence of Tikehau Capital.

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