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finleap strengthens its presence in Paris and appoints Head of France

- finleap expands its international business and officially launches its operations in France
- Nicolas Montes-Edwards joins as Head of France in July 2019

Berlin/Paris, 11 July 2019 - finleap, Europe's leading Fintech ecosystem backed by prominent investors as Ping An's Global Voyager Fund (world's largest insurance company by market capitalization), expands its operations in France and continues its international expansion. Nicolas Montes-Edwards will lead the business as the new Head of France at finleap. This is the next logical step in continuing to further develop the company on a European scale.

Ramin Niroumand, Founder and CEO of finleap, sees the great potential that French market has to offer: “We are continuing the evolution of our fintech platforms and will further strengthen our foundation as a SaaS-revenue-generating tech company”. The operations in France will offer on the one hand, software and technology to partners in the area of financial services and SaaS offerings. The goal is to develop new business models with local partners in the future. On the other hand, operations will be supporting the development of business in France for the finleap portfolio companies. In the last five years, finleap developed 16 fintechs and insurtechs like solarisBank, a fully-licensed banking-as-a-service platform backed by BBVA and Visa and Elinvar, a digital platform for asset and wealth managers backed by Goldman Sachs. In addition to both of these companies, Perseus, a cyber security insurtech is also ready to enter the French market. “France is an exciting market and I see great potential to build up business with these outstanding companies there”, says Montes-Edwards.



Nicolas Montes-Edwards is an experienced leader in the fintech scene with a background in investment banking and capital investment. Prior to joining finleap as Head of France, Nicolas was Country Head France at Berlin-based fintech Raisin, a marketplace for term deposits. His diverse international experience and strong expertise in financial products will help finleap in its quest to reshape finance and further expand finleap’s operations.

Earlier this year, finleap expanded to Spain with Ignacio Garcia, Head of Spain at finleap, leading the business development from Madrid. Next to Paris and Madrid, finleap has previously opened its first international office in 2017 in Milan, Italy. Currently, finleap and its portfolio companies are active in 15 countries.

About finleap

finleap is Europe's leading fintech ecosystem, based in Berlin with offices in Milan, Paris and Madrid. Founded in 2014 by IONIQ Group and Ramin Niroumand, finleap has already developed 16 ventures with its infrastructure and added others by acquisition to its ecosystem. These include companies such as solarisBank, the first banking platform with a full banking license, ELEMENT, a fully digital insurer, PAIR Finance, a provider of data-based receivables management, and the fintech platforms, finreach solutions and infinitec solutions. finleap provides access to seed capital, a network of investors and experienced entrepreneurs as well as customers and top talents. The finleap group employs over 900 people from 60 nations.

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