

Abénex has become a certified B Corp and confirms its pioneering spirit by becoming one of the first buyout firms to obtain the certification in Europe

At Abénex, we are convinced that in order to create long-term value and ensure that the companies we support thrive, it is essential to take into account sustainable growth. This is recognized by B Corp, which identifies companies that respect the environment, society and its stakeholders, and that see their businesses as a force for good.

For many years, Abénex has been committed on a daily basis to ESG issues as a whole, for example by having joined the International Climate Initiative on the environmental aspect engaging with companies in our portfolio to reduce their carbon footprint or by having classified our funds as Article 8 under SFDR.

Today, Abénex is shifting gears and obtains the B Corp certification, endorsing its involvement as a positive impact management company, a pioneering move for a private equity buyout fund.

After a rigorous certification process, the team is proud to join a community of companies committed to a process of continuously improving their social and environmental performance. Being a certified B Corp is the recognition of our long-term commitment to doing business more responsibly with a positive impact.

Companies are an important catalyst of change to transform our society and B Corp defines a path of continuous improvement and progress to activate this lever.

For Abénex, this is another milestone on our roadmap to strengthen our impact on the companies in our portfolio by encouraging them to meet their environmental, social and societal challenges. Our certification is thus further proof of our commitment towards our community, our environment, our employees, our portfolio companies and our investors.

About Abénex (www.abenex.com)

Founded in 1992, Abénex is a historical player in the small and mid cap private equity market, specialized in growth and buyout transactions in Europe both as a minority and majority shareholder. Independent for more than 14 years, Abénex operates on three segments of private equity: Small-cap, Mid-cap and Real-estate.

On Small and Mid-cap segments, Abénex is a long-term investor partnering with entrepreneurs and founding families, and operationally-involved in growth and operational optimization projects. Abénex typically invests in SMEs valued up to €50m in Small-cap and between €50m and €300m in Mid-cap.

Abénex is committed to the Management team's success, providing them with a fully dedicated operational team. Being a pioneer in 2008 when setting up the team, Abénex now has 5 seasoned professionals contributing to strategic initiatives, business structuration and transformation, profitable growth, sustainability and value generation. Abénex was also instrumental in the creation of Operating Partners Club of France Invest launched in 2020.

The team is composed of 40+ professionals with demonstrated and renowned expertise, located in Paris and Lyon.