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## **MEANINGS INFRA ACQUIRES A MAJORITY STAKE IN AIRON, A SWEDISH DATA CENTER OPERATOR, TO ACCELERATE THE DEVELOPMENT OF A SOVEREIGN EUROPEAN AI**

A leading player in responsible investment, Meanings Capital Partners announces the third transaction of the Meanings Infrastructure Fund (MIF): the acquisition of a majority stake in Airon, a Swedish company founded in 2019 and based in Lidköping, which develops and operates infrastructure dedicated to artificial intelligence within its own data centers.

Led by its founders, Robert Lidberg and Andreas Aronsson, Airon is an independent developer of AI infrastructure, specialising in the design, construction and operation of data centers optimised for high-performance computing (HPC) using latest-generation GPU processors, orchestrated through a proprietary software layer.

### **A strategic sector<sup>1</sup> that is essential to European sovereignty**

Airon has already secured the land, permits and grid connection for a capacity of 8 MW and ultimately aims to reach a target capacity of 24 MW under a cluster approach in Lidköping, with the support of Meanings Infrastructure Fund (MIF), a fund dedicated to impact investment in high-value-added sustainable infrastructure.

Beyond meeting a strategic need linked to the rise of artificial intelligence and digital usage, the solution developed by Airon is fully aligned with the objectives of the environmental transition. The company's location in Sweden is a key advantage and a very strong guarantee of sustainability for its users. The country is recognised as a model for low-cost, decarbonised electricity generation, thanks to its hydroelectric facilities, other renewable energy sources and nuclear power. It has extensively developed district heating networks for urban heating, which will be able to harness the waste heat from Airon's data centers.

### **Rapidly growing demand at the heart of MCP's impact strategy**

This investment helps to strengthen European technological autonomy by providing European players with sovereign infrastructure that complies with the most demanding regulations on data security, protection and localisation. This is a strategic issue, particularly in the healthcare and defence sectors.

This transaction reflects MCP's commitment to supporting European companies that are essential to sovereignty and the sustainable transition.

*"This investment in European AI infrastructure reflects a twofold conviction: first, that it is essential to develop data centers on European soil in order to maximise the continent's strategic autonomy and safeguard our sovereignty; and second, that the development of these new technologies can be achieved in line with our environmental objectives. Airon is a perfect illustration of this, and we are proud to support the development of concrete responses to these challenges," note Frédéric Long and Emmanuel Nazarenko, Partners MIF. "We have every confidence in Robert Lidberg and Andreas Aronsson: their expertise and commitment are exactly what this project demands."*

*"We chose Meanings Infra because we share a common vision of European digital sovereignty. Their experience in supporting growth companies will be a valuable asset in driving Airon's next phase of development," say Robert Lidberg and Andreas Aronsson, co-founders of Airon.*

<sup>1</sup> First infrastructure vintage of Meanings Capital Partners, MIF is a European Value Add and Impact fund (Article 9 SFDR) targeting companies in the European Lower Mid Cap segment, in the fields of energy transition, decarbonisation and digitalisation.



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## About Airon

Airon is a Swedish company specialising in artificial intelligence-dedicated infrastructure. It designs, builds and operates vertically integrated data centers. The company provides high-performance computing capacity, enabling organisations to train and run their AI models at scale. Based in south-west Sweden, it is powered entirely by local renewable energy.

Founded by Robert Lidberg and Andreas Aronsson, Airon positions itself as an alternative to traditional providers, offering performance, predictable costs and data sovereignty within the EU.

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- Mid Cap, for companies with revenue of up to €150 million,
- Small Cap, for companies with revenue of up to €50 million,
- Real Estate, for property projects valued at up to €50 million.

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