



# Afnic Selects LightOn to Deploy Sovereign and Secure Generative Al

**Paris, September 30, 2025 -** LightOn, a French leading European player in the field of generative artificial intelligence for enterprises and the public sector, announces the signing of a one-year contract with Afnic (Association française pour le Nommage Internet en Coopération), the registry for ".fr" (nearly 4.3 million domain names), several French overseas extensions and generic domain names, as well as a key player in Internet governance in France.

This agreement illustrates the growing desire of organizations handling public data to use **sovereign and secure AI solutions, hosted in France**, to strengthen their operational efficiency and guarantee control over their sensitive data.

## A Commitment to Digital Sovereignty

Entrusted with essential missions for the proper functioning and security of the Internet in France, Afnic must **reconcile technological performance**, **confidentiality requirements and partnership with a player compatible with its data management policy.** To this end, the organization has chosen the sovereign generative AI platform developed by LightOn.

Deployed in hybrid mode on a trusted French Cloud infrastructure, LightOn makes it possible to combine **computing power with data exploitation that meets Afnic's requirements.** 

#### **Concrete Use Cases for Employees**

By leveraging the Managed RAG (Retrieval-Augmented Generation) capabilities of the Paradigm platform, Afnic teams will be able to obtain actionable information by querying internal data, regardless of format or source, all from a single tool. The implementation of Paradigm thus paves the way for targeted uses that can support Afnic teams in their daily missions.

The objective is clear: increase employee efficiency while ensuring compliance with the highest security and sovereignty standards.





#### **Shared Values in Service of the Public Interest**

Beyond the technical aspects, both organizations share a common vision of the importance of combining security, performance and responsibility in the use of artificial intelligence. "Trust is at the heart of our mission, and we are proud that such a strategic player as Afnic has chosen LightOn to support them in deploying sovereign and secure Al. This choice demonstrates that it is possible to innovate in artificial intelligence while ensuring that critical data remains hosted and protected in France," says **Igor Carron, Co-Founder and CEO of LightOn**.

"As an essential player in Internet infrastructure, Afnic must combine innovation and responsibility in data processing. The collaboration with LightOn and the integration of the Paradigm platform address these challenges and open new perspectives for our teams and stakeholders," concludes **Benoît Ampeau**, **Director of Partnership and Innovation at Afnic**.

#### **About LightOn**

Founded in 2016 in Paris and the first European generative AI company listed on Euronext Growth, LightOn is a pioneering player in the field of sovereign GenAI. Its Paradigm platform enables organizations to deploy large-scale AI while ensuring the confidentiality of their data. LightOn's technology ensures essential strategic independence by offering tailored solutions. This technological mastery is accompanied by the ability to process large volumes of data for industrial uses, with applications in various sectors such as finance, industry, health, defense, and public services.

LightOn is listed on Euronext Growth® Paris (ISIN: FR0013230950, ticker: ALTAI-FR). The company qualifies for PEA and PEA PME investment plans and is recognized as an "Innovative Company" by Bpifrance. To learn more: <a href="https://www.lighton.ai">www.lighton.ai</a>.

#### **About Afnic**

Afnic is the acronym for Association Française pour le Nommage Internet en Coopération, the French Network Information Centre. The registry has been appointed by the French government to manage domain names under the .fr Top Level Domain. Afnic also manages the .re (Reunion Island), .pm (Saint-Pierre and Miquelon), .ff (French Southern and Antarctic Territories), .wf (Wallis and Futuna) and .yt (Mayotte) French Overseas TLDs. In addition to managing French TLDs, Afnic's role is part of a wider public interest mission, which is to contribute on a daily basis, thanks to the efforts of its teams and its members, to a secure and stable internet, open to innovation and in which the French internet community plays a leading role. As part of that mission, Afnic, a non-profit organization, has committed to devoting 11% of its Revenues from managing .fr Top Level Domain to actions of general interest, in particular by transferring €1.3 million each year to the Afnic Foundation for Digital Solidarity. Afnic is also the back-end registry for the companies as well as local and regional authorities that have chosen to have their own TLD, such as .paris, .bzh, .alsace, .corsica, .mma, .ovh, .leclerc and .sncf.

Established in 1997 and based in Saint-Quentin-en-Yvelines, Afnic currently has nearly 90 employees. For more information, visit <a href="https://www.afnic.fr">www.afnic.fr</a>.





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