

Comunicat de Presa privind finalizarea achizitiei Nextebank SA de catre Emerging Europe Accession Fund

Emerging Europe Accession Fund (EEAF) a finalizat in data de 30 aprilie 2014 achizitia pachetului majoritar de peste 98% din actiuni, detinute de MKB Bank Zrt Ungaria in Nextebank SA. Incheierea tranzactiei s-a realizat in urma obtinerii aprobarii din partea Bancii Nationale a Romaniei.

„Finalizarea acestei tranzactii si preluarea bancii Nextebank de catre EEAF este o premiera in Romania ultimilor 10 ani. Acceptul BNR pentru intrarea in sistemul bancar a unor investitori financiari este un semnal pozitiv pentru piata financiar-bancara, si suntem bucurosi ca am reusit sa convingem, atat prin profilul investitorilor Fondului (BERD, EIF, BSTDB si DEG) cat si prin experienta echipei de management a Fondului. Credem ca, intr-un orizont investitional de 6-8 ani, vom construi o banca de succes, profitabila si cu un model de afaceri inovativ. Intentionam sa valorificam o serie de oportunitati pe care le vedem in piata bancara in Romania, utilizand resursele excelente ale Nextebank, atat lichiditatea cat si solvabilitatea foarte ridicate, cat si platforma bancara diversificata, personalul dedicat si expertiza acestuia, care constituie o baza solida pentru strategia noastra de crestere viitoare. Consideram ca segmentele cele mai atractive sunt cele ale IMM-urilor, in domeniile agricol si al serviciilor, precum si anumite segmente de persoane fizice pe care intentionam sa le deservim folosind un model operational eficient bazat pe tehnologie si inovatie, realizand astfel o crestere a gradului de intermediere financiara in anumite zone mai putin bancarizate ale economiei romanesti” a declarat Horia Manda, Managing Partner al Axxess Capital.

EEAF, un fond care succede fondului de investitii Balkan Accession Fund, avand ca investitori institutionali BERD, EIF, DEG si BSTDB, este al treilea fond de private equity administrat de Axxess Capital. EEAF isi continua seria de investitii de capital in Romania printr-o noua achizitie, de aceasta data in sectorul bancar.

Axxess Capital este un administrator de investitii independent cu prezenta in Europa de sud-est in ultimii 8 ani. Istorical investitiilor sale a inceput cu mai bine de 15 ani in urma cu Fondul Romano-American de Investitii si include un numar de peste 35 de tranzactii incheiate pana in prezent dintre care 10 sunt in sectorul serviciilor financiare iar 7 dintre acestea in Romania.

Press Release regarding the closing of the acquisition of Nextebank Romania

On April 30, 2014 Emerging Europe Accession Fund (EEAF) has finalized the acquisition of the majority participation, of over 98%, held by MKB Bank Zrt Hungary in Nextebank Romania. The closing of this transaction was completed upon obtaining the approval of the acquisition from the National Bank of Romania.

“The closing of this transaction and the acquisition of Nextebank by EEAF is a first in the last 10 years in Romania. NBR’s consent for the entry of financial investors in the banking system is a positive signal for the banking market, and we are delighted that we were successful in gaining the confidence through

both the profile of the Fund's investors (EBRD, EIF, BSTDB and DEG) and through the expertise of the Fund's management team. We trust that, in a 6-8 years' time horizon, we will build a successful bank, profitable and with an innovative business model. We intend to capitalize on several opportunities that we currently see in the Romanian banking market by using the relevant resources of Nextebank, high liquidity and solvency, as well as the diversified banking platform, experienced and dedicated staff, which constitute a solid basis for our future growth strategy. We consider that the most attractive sectors are SME's active in the agriculture and services sectors, as well as certain segments of the retail clients that we intend to service using an efficient operational model based on innovation and technology, thus contributing to an increased level of financial intermediation in certain less banked areas of the Romanian economy", declared Horia Manda, Managing Partner of Axxess Capital.

EEAF, a follow-on fund of the Balkan Accession Fund (BAF), having the EBRD, EIF, DEG and Black Sea Bank as institutional investors, is the third private equity fund managed by Axxess Capital. EEAF continues its investments in Romania, this time in the banking sector.

Axxess Capital is an independent investment manager present in the South Eastern Europe region throughout the last 8 years. Its investment history started more than 15 years ago with the Romanian American Enterprise Fund and includes over 35 transactions closed to date out of which 10 transactions are in the financial services sector, of which 7 in Romania.