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### **Access Capital Fund IV Growth Buy-out Europe closes ahead of initial target at €425 million**

European private equity fund of funds Access Capital Partners held a final close on its fourth generation European Small & Mid-market Buy-out Fund of funds ("ACF IV Growth Buy-out Europe") on 24 July 2008 at **€425 million**.

The close, above the initial target of €300 million, validates Access' investment strategy focused on sustainable European growth-oriented small & mid-market buy-outs and special situations, segments that have shown strong resilience despite the credit turmoil and economic uncertainties. The Fund of funds' growth oriented investment strategy focusing on top-line growth and operational improvements of companies rather than on a sole reliance on financial engineering provides a significant degree of protection against debt market turbulences.

ACF IV Growth Buy-out Europe attracted a broad and geographically diverse investor base mainly coming from Germany, France, Nordic countries, the UK and Benelux.

Commitments have already been made to 15 underlying funds including 3 special situation funds and 2 sector-focused mid-market buy-out funds.



# Access Capital Partners

Access Capital Partners ([www.access-capital-partners.com](http://www.access-capital-partners.com)) is a leading, independent European provider of private equity funds of funds. With €2.5 billion (\$3.9 billion) under management, the firm specialises in growth-oriented small to mid-market buy-out funds as well as later stage and buy-out funds in the technology space. Access Capital Partners has implemented and managed 7 co-mingled funds of funds as well as 9 single client mandates. The firm currently employs 31 professionals including 6 partners operating from Paris, Brussels and Munich.

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