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## John Cockerill creates Industrya, a €42 million investment fund endowed with an incubator and accelerator of start-ups and scale-ups for industrial transformation

*In association with SFPI-FPIM, SRIW and W.IN.G, Noshag and LRM, John Cockerill is launching Industrya, an investment fund with an incubator and accelerator. Industrya is capitalized to the tune of €42 million, of which €22 million are provided by John Cockerill and €20 million by its other partners (€5 million each). Its objective: to invest in bold, innovative start-ups and scale-ups that pursue the ambition of shaping the industry and the world of tomorrow.*

Beyond the uniqueness of its shareholding, which combines a major global private industrial player with leading Belgian public investors, recognized experts with regard to risk capital and venturing, Industrya stands out through its positioning: it is one of the only investment funds in Europe to offer "hands-on" and "tailor-made" support programs, in addition to investments and participations in start-ups and scale-ups. Through its founding companies, Industrya offers these start-ups/scale-ups the opportunity to access a national and international network of expertise and cutting-edge technologies, to enter into industrial markets and ecosystems, and to meet and collaborate with both customers and industrial and financial partners. In a very pragmatic manner, Industrya also offers accommodation and co-working spaces in the incubators or accelerators of its partners in Liège, Genk, Brussels or Paris to the start-ups/scale-ups it is supporting.

Industrya will support and invest in start-ups and scale-ups B2B or B2B2C that have a strong growth potential in national and international markets, are active in the energy transition sector, in 4.0 industries, in smart manufacturing and in the new materials sectors, or that are offering strategic solutions for the development of industry 4.0 at both the Belgian and European levels.

Industrya is operational from today. Start-ups/scale-ups wishing to benefit from its services are invited to register themselves through its website: [www.industrya.com](http://www.industrya.com). [www.industrya.com](http://www.industrya.com).

Jean-Luc Maurange, CEO of John Cockerill: "With Industrya, John Cockerill completes its innovation program: on the one hand, Industrya extends our internal Innovation Lab, allowing our employees to develop their entrepreneurial aspirations beyond the limits of John Cockerill; on the other hand, Industrya positions John Cockerill in the Corporate Venture sector and in the support of start-ups that, like John Cockerill, aim to provide answers to the needs of our time."



## John Cockerill, Catalyst for Opportunity

Driven since 1817 by its founder's entrepreneurial spirit and thirst for innovation, John Cockerill Group develops broad-scale technological solutions to meet the needs of its time: the preservation of natural resources, making a contribution to greener mobility, producing in a sustainable manner, combating insecurity and facilitating access to renewable energy.

Its offering to businesses, states and communities is exemplified in services and associated equipment for the energy, defense, industry, environment, transportation and infrastructure sectors.

With more than 6,000 employees, John Cockerill achieved sales of €1.26 billion in 22 countries on five continents in 2019.

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The Belgian Federal Holding and Investment company (*Société Fédérale de Participations et d'Investissement / Federale Participatie- en Investeringsmaatschappij; SFPI/FPIM*), which was created on 1 November 2006, is the sovereign wealth fund of Belgium, driving long-term and sustainable economic and social prosperity.

SFPI/FPIM, with the Belgian Government as its sole shareholder, acts as a trusted partner in helping Belgian companies to become a reference in their industry by providing smart capital solutions. In addition, SFPI/FPIM safeguards the long-term stability of the Belgian economy by contributing to the anchoring of strategic assets in both promising and established companies.

SFPI/FPIM has about 14 billion in assets under management for the Federal State.



The S.R.I.W. Group (*the Regional Investment Company of Wallonia*) is a key player in the Walloon economy and is financially involved, both in Belgium and abroad, in companies that carry out industrial projects or services that generate added value. For 30 years, it has promoted economic development in Wallonia and has made a concrete and effective contribution to the modernization, growth and redeployment of companies in our industrial fabric.





LRM is an investment company that develops and stimulates economic growth in Limburg. We provide a solid foundation, allowing companies and projects that create jobs in Limburg to grow. Our financial means and economic expertise, together with Limburg's key assets, create a unique breeding ground. For more information: <https://www.lrm.be/en>

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Noshaq is an investment fund and a project developer with a portfolio of 464 companies and €600 million of resources. Noshaq is the reference financial partner for the creation and development of SMEs in the Liege Region (Belgium). Over the years, Noshaq has developed a range of financing vehicles in line with the needs and trends of the market and its strategy. Each service offered by Noshaq (capital - loan - leasing) is always determined according to the demand and needs of the owner-investor. The objective is always to have a leverage effect on the company's development.

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