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ACTICO announces it has joined forces with Axe Finance, a global provider of credit and risk management software

Frankfurt, September 9th, 2026 – ACTICO, a leading German-headquartered provider of software solutions for credit risk management, regulatory compliance and asset administration, serving financial institutions globally, today announces that it has joined forces with Axe Finance, a UK-based provider of credit and risk management software. The deal is supported by Keensight Capital ("Keensight"), one of the leading private equity managers dedicated to pan-European Growth Buyout [1] investments.

Axe Finance is an established provider of credit and risk management software and serves more than 45 high-profile financial institutions in more than 29 countries. Its core product, the Axe Credit Portal, is a modular, end-to-end software platform covering the full credit lifecycle, from loan origination to servicing and collections, with integrated artificial intelligence functionality.

This combination brings together two highly complementary businesses focused on mission-critical credit technology for financial institutions. ACTICO's leading software for credit risk management and automated decision-making, combined with Axe Finance's credit platform, creates a broader yet more integrated offering spanning the retail, SME and corporate segments.

Axe Finance is a strong strategic fit for ACTICO. While ACTICO has a leading presence in the DACH region and across Europe, Axe Finance expands ACTICO's international reach in the Middle East, Africa, and Asia-Pacific. As this new chapter begins, Dhafer Berrachid, Founder and CEO of Axe Finance, will continue to lead Axe Finance and will play a key role in the integration and development of the combined business.

Hans Jürgen Rieder, CEO of ACTICO, commented: *"Joining forces with Axe Finance marks a milestone in ACTICO's journey, fuelling further growth and expansion into new markets. Axe Finance adds a complementary end-to-end credit platform, a broader geographic footprint and deep expertise in complex credit markets. Together, we strengthen our offering to financial institutions and accelerate global expansion."*

Dhafer Berrachid, CEO and Founder of Axe Finance, added: *"ACTICO and Axe Finance share a focus on mission-critical credit technology for financial institutions. Together we form a stronger platform with the scale and reach to support banks and lenders in a more digital, regulated market, while sustaining our client focus and culture of innovation."*

Stanislas de Tinguy, Partner at Keensight Capital, concluded: *"Axe Finance is a highly strategic addition to ACTICO. This move strengthens the Group's product offering, expands its geographic footprint and enhances its operational capabilities. We are confident that ACTICO is well positioned to become the global leader in credit and compliance risk management software."*

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[1] ***Growth Buyout:*** *investment in profitable, private companies experiencing strong growth, in minority or majority positions, with or without leverage, using a flexible approach tailored to the needs of individual entrepreneurs, in order to finance organic growth projects, acquisition strategies or provide historic shareholders with liquidity.*

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About ACTICO
ACTICO is a leading international provider of digital solutions for Credit Risk Management, Regulatory Compliance, Asset Administration, and Decision Automation software. ACTICO has over 25 years of experience supporting more than 300 global customers in the financial, industrial and tech industries combining high-performance, cutting-edge technology with exceptional customer focus and operational agility. The company has 230 employees across five locations, supporting customers in more than 25 countries. Across these 4 business areas, ACTICO helps its clients in digitizing their business processes. The flexible and agile software products enable companies to better understand and manage their risks and regulatory requirements, simplify complex processes, focus entirely on their core business and create an ideal basis for growth by utilizing the power of AI. www.actico.com

About Axe Finance
Founded in 2004, Axe Finance is a global software provider specializing in credit risk automation for financial institutions. The company's flagship software suite, Axe Credit Portal (ACP), is an AI-driven, end-to-end digital lending solution that automates the entire credit lifecycle – from credit origination and scoring to servicing, limit and collateral management and early warning signals. ACP is a multi-segment platform supporting Retail, SME, Corporate, Microfinance and Financial Institution (FI) lending, available as both a locally hosted and SaaS solution. Headquartered in the United Kingdom, with a global presence spanning the Middle East, Africa, and Asia-Pacific, Axe Finance is trusted by Tier-1 banks and beyond. The company has been recognized as a leader in the Quadrant KS Group SPARK Matrix® as well as the Everest Group PEAK Matrix®. www.axefinance.com

About Keensight Capital
Keensight Capital ("Keensight"), one of the leading European Growth Buyout firms, is committed to supporting entrepreneurs as they implement their growth strategies. With over 25 years of experience and more than €8bn of assets under management, Keensight Capital's team of seasoned professionals leverages their differentiated private equity experience to invest in profitably growing companies generating revenues in the range of €10 million to €400 million. Drawing on its expertise in the Technology and Healthcare sectors, Keensight identifies the best investment opportunities in Europe and works closely with the management teams, providing capital, strategic guidance and operational support. Keensight operates in more than 90 countries across the globe with a presence in Paris, London, Boston, and Singapore. www.keensight.com

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