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#### **France**

# Egis acquires industrial engineering group Atrix

Atrix, an independent French engineering group active in the nuclear, defence, microelectronics, agrifood and health sectors, has joined the Egis Group. With this new acquisition, Egis extends and strengthens its skills and service offering in advanced industries and complex processes.

Atrix is a French group with 173 employees specialised in project engineering for cutting-edge industries (particularly nuclear and defence, which account for around 50% of its business), with annual sales of around €22 million in 2023. It has eight branches in France (head office in Lyon) and a subsidiary in Poland, which has enabled it to develop in Eastern Europe.

The Atrix Group is made up of three companies:

- ATR Ingénierie, specialised in engineering and risk management in the nuclear and sensitive industries;
- Faure QEI, specialised in HVAC engineering and technical packages for the high-tech, life sciences and healthcare sectors;
- Blezat, specialised in architecture and building engineering, mainly in the agri-food, pharmaceutical
  and healthcare sectors.

Atrix provides expertise and consultancy services (assistance with studies, inspections and monitoring) as well as project assignments (multidisciplinary activities involving design, integration, approval, implementation and commissioning).

## A stronger position in the nuclear, industrial buildings and healthcare markets

This new acquisition is part of Egis' strategic business development strategy linked to the energy transition and enables the Group to develop and diversify its activities in the key industrial sector.

### **Nuclear energy**

Egis is already a major player in the nuclear sector in France and is visible on the international scene through its emblematic references (EPR, ITER). In particular, our teams have been involved in studies for all the French technology nuclear power reactors built in France (59) or exported to China, South Africa, South Korea, Finland and the United Kingdom. Thomas Salvant, Executive Director of Energy & Sustainable Cities, said: "To meet the growing needs of our nuclear customers in France and abroad, we need to diversify and broaden our range of services. The acquisition of Atrix will allow us to integrate new expertise in complex process engineering and to strengthen our collaboration with our joint customers (EDF, CEA, ANDRA, etc.).

## **Industrial buildings**

Atrix also has a strong presence in the industrial buildings sector, particularly in the growing pharmaceutical, microelectronics and agri-food sectors in France. The acquisition of Atrix complements the expertise in the construction of controlled environments for cutting-edge activities such as biotechnology, research, life sciences and the battery industry, which will be integrated with the acquisition of AG Concept in September 2022.

#### **Healthcare**

Atrix has also developed technical expertise in the construction of health establishments, thus completing the range of services developed by Egis in this sector, in particular by providing specialised know-how for clinics and other private health establishments.

Ronan Artur, Chairman and Founder of the Atrix Group, commented: "This merger with the Egis Group marks the beginning of a new chapter for the ATRIX teams. After more than 25 years of development, we have reached the size of an SME, recognised in its fields, and are now full of enthusiasm and pride at the idea of contributing to the achievement of the Egis Group's strategic objectives. Our mutual and respective industrial customers will find that this merger will significantly strengthen our ability to respond to their multidisciplinary needs. We look forward to continuing this adventure, driven by a common desire to take on ever more ambitious challenges."

"We are delighted to have supported Ronan Artur and his teams over the past six years, during which the Atrix Group has developed very strongly thanks to its positioning and expertise in cutting-edge sectors with promising prospects. The new chapter that will now be written within the Egis Group will allow us to continue this momentum and create synergies," said Sylvia Pinero, Investment Director at Société Générale Capital Partenaires, which is transferring its minority stake in Atrix to Egis as part of this transaction.

"We are particularly proud to have supported Ronan Artur and the Atrix Group for 16 years with Bpifrance. During these 16 years, the group has built a solid structure with a wealth of expertise and a number of major acquisitions. We are delighted that this experience will now enrich the offer of one of France's leading engineering and consulting companies," said Pierre-Eddy Sastre, Investment Director at BPIfrance, which is also selling its minority stake in Atrix to Egis.

The acquisition of Atrix strengthens Egis' activities in the nuclear sector and makes Egis one of the leading French players in controlled environment engineering, while opening up new industrial clients for the group, particularly in the high-tech, pharmaceutical, food and private health sectors.

## **About Egis**

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Egis is an international player active in the consulting, construction engineering and mobility service sectors. W create and operate intelligent infrastructure and buildings capable of responding to the climate emergency an helping to achieve more balanced, sustainable and resilient territorial development. With operations in 12 countries, Egis places the expertise of its 18,000 employees at the disposal of its clients and develops cutting edge innovation accessible to all projects. Through its wide-ranging fields of activity, Egis is a central player in the collective organisation of society and the living environment of citizens all over the world.

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