

Fund 4 Closes at €6.5 billion

Cinven has announced the final closing of its fourth fund at the cap of €6.5 billion, making it the largest fund dedicated solely to large European buyout investments.

The fund exceeded its target of €5.0 billion and drew commitments from more than 100 investors in over 20 countries. Some 50% of investors are based in Europe, 40% in North America and the remainder from the rest of the world. The total fund size is significantly higher than the €4.4 billion third fund, which at the time also stood as the largest dedicated European fund.

Cinven Partner Andrew Joy comments: "We are extremely pleased with the support we have had from our existing investors which is a strong vindication of our clear and proven strategy and, most importantly, the strong returns we have generated both from the third Cinven fund and more generally since 1988. It has also been good to attract a significant number of important new LPs.

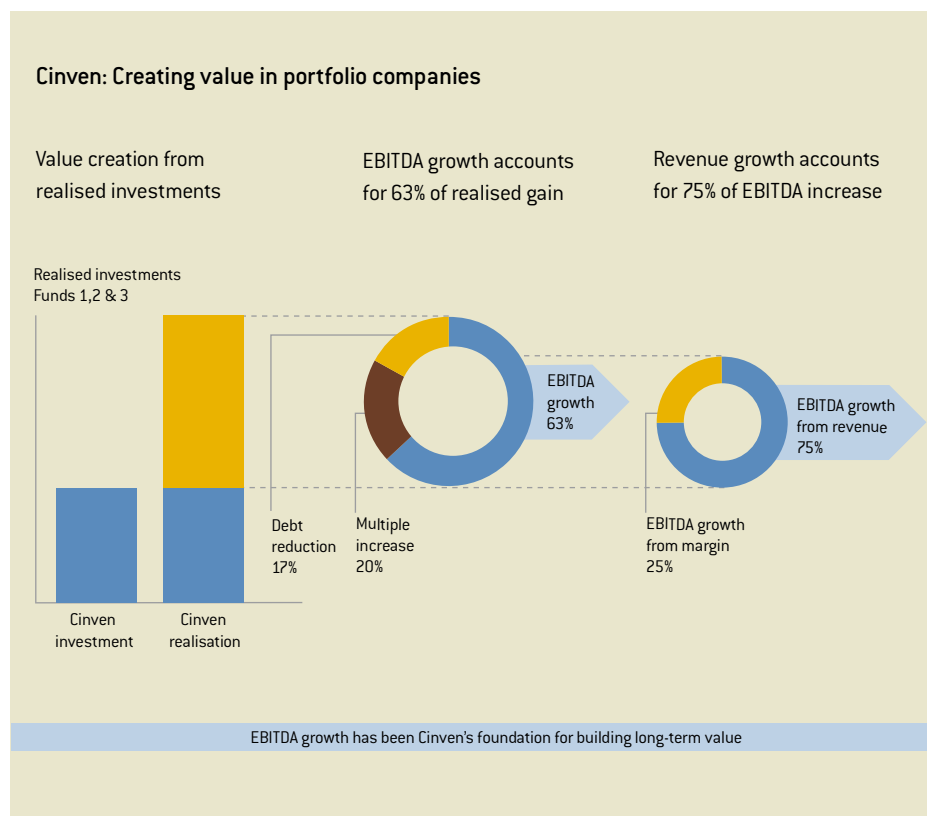
We believe that the combination of our experienced team, sector focus and strong European footprint will continue to deliver exceptional returns for our investors throughout the life of the fourth Cinven fund."

Building on success

By continuing to concentrate on major European buyouts, Cinven will be building on its highly successful track record, and in particular on the extremely promising performance of Fund 3. To date, four years into its life and with only three of its investments fully realised, Fund 3 has returned nearly 100% of its capital, due to a combination of highly successful exits and recapitalisation.

Sector Expertise

Much of Cinven's success derives from its sector expertise in six chosen sectors across Europe.



Using the respective sector teams' expertise and contact network, Cinven systematically targets high quality businesses.

Growth Through Active Ownership

Actively managing assets is one of the main pillars of Cinven's strategy for value creation and business building.

In the case of Fitness First, a *strategic redirection*, introduced by Cinven, helped the business return a 3.4x multiple on its investment. Through Numéricable, now merged with Altice One, Cinven has driven *industry consolidation* and *expansion into new markets*. NCP saw a new *strategic direction* accompanied by a highly successful business roll-out while Springer,

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benefiting from a combination of *consolidation* and *redirection*, has already returned a 1.6x multiple on Cinven's investment without Cinven realising any shares.

Underpinning all Cinven's value creation strategies is a commitment to creating profit growth. Since the first Cinven fund, an increase in profit accounts for 63% of value growth on all realised investments with 75% of this attributable to revenue improvements.

Results

The third fund has been extremely successful to date, both in terms of returns and the broader success of its businesses. Three investments, Unique, NCP and Fitness First, have been fully

realised, achieving an overall money multiple of 2.7x. Eutelsat successfully completed its IPO on the Paris Bourse with Cinven's investment valued at over 3.5x its original cost. Seven further businesses have been able to return capital as a result of outperforming their business plans.

"Our aim is consistency and strong performance," Andrew Joy concludes. "When we stress consistency, we mean consistent high performance that can be directly attributed to the firm's unique attributes that we work hard to maintain and develop: in depth sector understanding which enables us to identify good opportunities, and an active post-acquisition ownership model."

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New recruits



Benoît Valentin – Partner

Benoît joined Cinven in 2006. Previously he was at Goldman Sachs where he worked for 12 years, initially within the investment bank in London and Singapore and since 2000 as Managing Director within the private equity department in London. Whilst in this role he completed several major investments, including Eutelsat, Legrand and Messer Griesheim. Benoît is a graduate of the HEC School of Management.

Portfolio Gala Coral: UK's Largest Private Company

A Sunday Times special report has announced that Cinven's Gala Coral Group, is the UK's biggest private company.

The business notched up sales of £7.4 billion in the year to September 05, well over £2 billion ahead of its nearest rival, the John Lewis Partnership.

The Group was created in October 2005 when Cinven backed Gala's £2.18 billion acquisition of Coral Eurobet. That transaction, which merged

Gala's casinos and bingo clubs with Coral's betting operations, created the largest integrated betting and gaming company in Europe. In terms of UK market share, it is the largest bingo operator, the third largest bookmaker and a leading casino operator.



Cinven Partner Richard Munton comments: "We are delighted with our investment in Gala Coral and creating the UK's biggest private company is a landmark. The business is very well placed to take full advantage of the extraordinary opportunities its markets present."

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