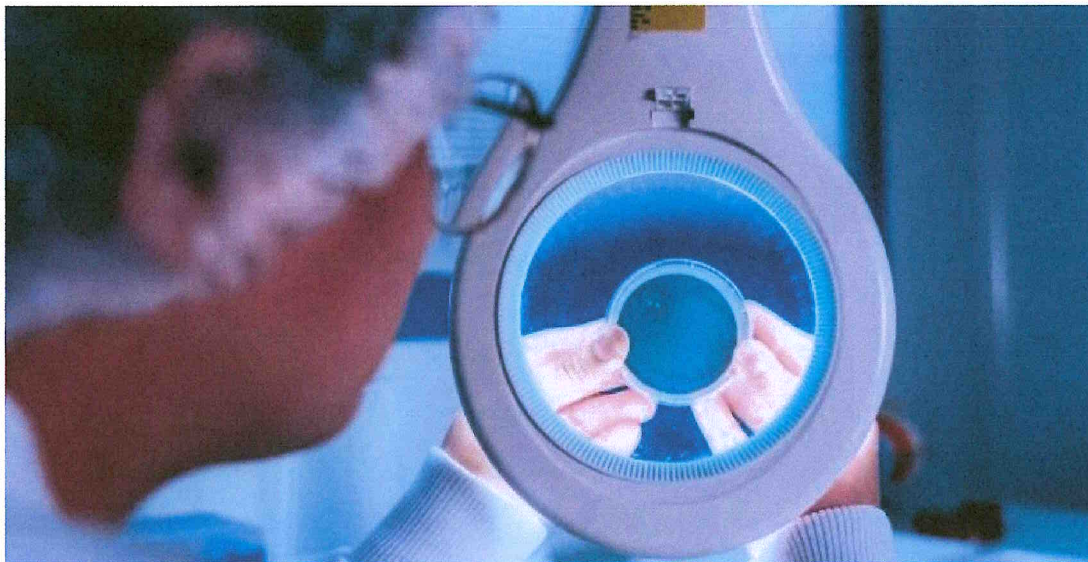


# France: Certania strengthens international growth with acquisition of Groupe Icare

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France-based Groupe Icare, a provider of regulatory safety, laboratory testing, and validation services for medical devices and pharmaceutical products, has joined Certania, a Germany-based global group specialising in Testing, Inspection, and Certification (TIC). The acquisition reinforces Certania's strategy to build a comprehensive pan-European platform dedicated to life sciences testing. It also strengthens Groupe Icare's position in the French market while supporting its international expansion.

"Groupe Icare's scientific depth and the trust it has built with its clients make it an ideal addition to Certania," said [Karsten Xander](#), founder and CEO of Certania. "Together, we are building a strong and effective platform in the life sciences sector."

Founded in 1995, Groupe Icare offers a full range of services covering microbiology, physico-chemical testing, biocompatibility and toxicology, process validation, regulatory affairs, and certified training. It serves more than 1,800 clients in over 40 countries. It has more than 200 employees across France, Switzerland, and Brazil.

"Joining Certania is a natural next step for our group," said [Séverine Itier](#), CEO of Groupe Icare. "This partnership enhances our capabilities while preserving our scientific independence and close customer relationships."

Groupe Icare becomes a key component of the Certania's Life Sciences division. The acquisition expands Certania's service offering across the entire lifecycle of medical

devices and pharmaceutical products and strengthens its geographic footprint in Western Europe and Latin America.



Certania was established in 2020. In 2021, Unigestion Private Equity invested in Certania alongside founding investor Greenpeak Partners. Certania received a growth investment from Summit Partners in 2023, with Greenpeak Partners maintaining a significant equity ownership. In September of this year, Unigestion Private Equity sold its stake to Greenpeak Continuation Fund I, backed by a consortium of institutional investors, as well as Summit Partners.

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