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## **AKILES invests in Methis Consulting Group to support its growth ambitions**

Brussels, July 10<sup>th</sup> 2020 – The Belgian investment company AKILES, which specializes in Growth Capital, announced today its investment in Methis Consulting group.

Maarten Smet and Bart Van den Berghe founded Methis Consulting just before the 2008 crisis. Today, following a resilient growth amidst all of the crises thereafter, a team of 53 consultants support an extensive client portfolio in the Utilities, Public Transport and related business services sectors in Belgium and the Netherlands. Thanks to a long-standing track record of specialist and independent consulting, Methis Consulting supports its clients in project management, process and functional design and change management, realizing their client's objectives in ever more challenging environments. Methis Consulting has developed a deep understanding of the complex challenges of its clients and their industries. Its experts are widely recognized in the Benelux as being at the forefront of the fundamental changes in the operations and regulations in the Utilities and Public Transport market.

*"As founders of Methis, we have always been cautious and have grown step by step in order to keep our high-quality standards. Today, as our professionalism is being acknowledged by many clients, the demand of our services is ever increasing. We are happy to have AKILES on board to sustain our growth. Next to financial and strategic support, their shared values and "evergreen" approach were crucial to our choice for AKILES as the right partner for the further growth of our organization.",* explains Maarten Smet.

*"Regardless of our growth over the last 12 years, there is still a large potential for Methis in the sectors where we are active. With AKILES as a large but minority equity partner, both the diversification of our scope and the broadening of our management team are in perfect harmony with our sustainable and carefully set growth targets and ambitions",* complements Bart Van den Berghe.

*"Methis has a strong track-record of successful and professional executed optimization projects with reputable corporates. It is our ambition to help Methis to strengthen its growth track. The Utility and Public Transport sectors have still a lot of potential to unlock and we would like to make more clients benefit from its services.",* states Christophe Rousseaux, founder and Managing Partner at AKILES.



### **About Methis Consulting**

Methis Consulting was founded in 2007 as a niche player in business consulting, focusing specifically on the energy market, the water sector and public transport. Over the years, this focus has been translated into the day-to-day efforts of a growing team, led by skilled and experienced consultants who have a unique knowledge of the market. As a result, increasing numbers of businesses have placed their trust in its services and they are able to demonstrate the difference they make through the actual results that have been achieved. Methis Consulting now operates both in Belgium and the Netherlands.

### **About AKILES**

Christophe Rousseaux founded AKILES, a Belgian 'evergreen' investment firm, in 2019, supported by several investment professionals. Backed with his experience as the founder and CEO of Immoweb, through AKILES, he wants to support other successful managers and entrepreneurs in the long run to develop the growth of their companies. AKILES mainly focuses its investments on 'Growth Capital' and centers its attention on companies characterized by a strong growth potential and solid competitive positions.

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