

## Signature for the sale of Céréa Partenaire

### *Unigrains gives priority to the project of Céréa Partenaire's Management Team*

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**Paris, July 26<sup>th</sup>, 2019** – Unigrains, the agri-food and agro-industry specialized investor, has signed an agreement with the Management of Céréa Partenaire, associated with institutional investors, for the sale of its third-party management subsidiary.

The agreement covers 100% of Céréa Partenaire shares and its three activities: Buyout, Mezzanine, and Senior Debt.

In the context of this project, the Céréa Partenaire Management Team would become the majority shareholder of the company, alongside French institutional investors, who are longstanding investors in its Funds. The new capital structure would enable Céréa Partenaire to:

- consolidate its position as a third-party management company, which already operates independently from Unigrains
- maintain the alignment of interests between the management company and its investors
- accelerate its growth through raising new generations of Funds, increasing its assets under management and international development

Unigrains would also support the acquirers' project, be it by investing in successor Funds or in co-investment opportunities.

This transaction would provide Unigrains with a greater liberty of action in its development as a long term, international, high added-value investor, supporting companies in line with the financial and economic patrimonial objectives of its grain-farmer shareholders.

Céréa Partenaire was created by Unigrains in 2004 to intervene in buyout transactions. Since then, it has achieved uncontested success, raising €bn 1.4, 80% of which from institutional investors and 20% from Unigrains. It has completed more than 120 investments over the past 14 years, accompanying the growth of its partner companies, and, in turn, ensuring strong financial performances for investors.

The transaction is expected to be completed in Q4 2019 and remains subject to different authorizations, notably approval of the French Financial Markets Authority (AMF).

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#### **About Unigrains**

For over 55 years, Unigrains has accompanied the development of agri-food and agro-industry companies providing tailor-made financial solutions in equity and quasi-equity, as well as contributing its recognized industry expertise. Unigrains manages roughly 1 billion euros and is a partner for nearly 120 companies, operating at various stages of their development, notably capital restructurings, strategic investments and acquisitions, and ensuring national and international growth. For more information: [www.unigrains.fr](http://www.unigrains.fr)

#### **About Céréa Partenaire**

Since 2004, Céréa Partenaire accompanies SMEs across the Agrobusiness sector (companies along the agro-food value chain, including: food, agro-industry, distribution, catering, equipment, packaging, logistics and associated services), in their industrial, commercial and geographic developments through both organic and external growth.

Céréa Partenaire has raised 1.4 billion euros from institutional investors and has invested in over 120 transactions. It is the partner of choice, supporting Agribusiness companies in their growth projects through tailored financial solutions in buyout, mezzanine and senior debt financing. For more information: [www.cerea.com](http://www.cerea.com)

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