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KORBEN RAISES A €10.2M SEED ROUND TO BECOME EUROPE'S ROBOTICS LEADER

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KORBEN, a services and Artificial Intelligence platform publisher for robotics co-founded by Lucas Goumarre, today announces a **€10.2 million** Seed funding round, bringing the company's valuation to **€36.2 million**. The aim of this round is to hire 70 employees and to roll out its platform across Europe. The financing brings together TIRESIAS Angels, BPIFrance and two private banks. In parallel, KORBEN announces the upcoming opening of an additional €500,000 allocation on the Sowefund platform.

€10.2M	€36.2M	70	€500K
RAISED IN SEED	VALUATION	PLANNED HIRES	EBITDA OVER 8 MONTHS

A SOVEREIGN ALTERNATIVE IN A $5,000 BILLION MARKET

According to a Morgan Stanley study, the global robotics market is expected to reach $5,000 billion by 2050. In a sector currently dominated by Chinese and American players, KORBEN stands out with a European approach.

Specialising in Artificial Intelligence applied to service robots, KORBEN focuses on the compliance of robots, software and data with the various European regulations. Through its technological expertise, KORBEN ensures the safety of service robots.

EARLY PROFITABILITY THAT CONVINCED INVESTORS

The company is already solidly profitable. Over its last eight months of activity, the startup generated earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortisation (EBITDA) of **€500,000**.

This traction convinced strategic investors, first and foremost the TIRESIAS Angels club, which is providing the majority of the funds. The French State is showing its interest in Korben's project through **BPIFrance, which is contributing €2 million**, the maximum investment ceiling for a company in this category. This interest is explained by the impact of AI robotics technology on public and private organisations, but also by Korben's listing with UGAP, which underlines KORBEN's commitment to offering services to the public sector. The Seed round is completed by two private banks.

Thierry Andrieux, founder of TIRESIAS Angels, **says:** "*Lucas Goumarre's vision and his team's ability to execute convinced us to invest in Korben. At TIRESIAS Angels, we believe in robotics that combines economic performance and social progress, allowing teams to devote more time to human relationships.*"

In addition to this €10.2M, KORBEN is partnering with the co-investment platform Sowefund to open an additional €500,000 allocation. Accessible from €1,000, this offering gives individuals the opportunity to become shareholders in the company.

ROBOTS THAT CAN REPROGRAM THEMSELVES

These resources will fund the development of new features such as artificial intelligence modules (agents) **capable of coding and re-encoding robots continuously, without human intervention**. This technology will enable robots to act as a coordinated, autonomous fleet, for example when carrying out cleaning, shelf-stocking or reception tasks.

BECOMING THE EUROPEAN ROBOTICS STANDARD

Nearly two thirds of the funds raised will be allocated to software development, R&D and Cloud infrastructure, hosted in France. KORBEN also plans to recruit 35 new technical profiles to develop the platform (VP engineering, IT engineers and developers), followed by 35 employees in sales, marketing and operations.

Lucas Goumarre, co-founder of KORBEN, **says:** "*We must respond to the explosion of the global robotics market by asserting our technological sovereignty, with software developed and hosted in France. After artificial intelligence, robotics is the next technology set to become part of our daily lives. It is essential that Europe controls its brain.*"

The KORBEN team was advised by the law firm HERALD on legal matters and by Storen on preparing the financing file. Bastien Nouaillac and Zoé Malaurie are the contacts for BPIFrance.

ABOUT KORBEN:

Co-founded by Lucas Goumarre and incubated at Station F and Zebox (Marseille), KORBEN is a technology company specialising in control software for robotics, hosted by OVH Cloud in France. Designed to operate fleets of robots autonomously using Artificial Intelligence, the KORBEN platform serves the B2B and B2G markets.

ABOUT SOWEFUND:

Since 2014, Sowefund has been the leading co-investment platform for tech and impact in France. Its mission: to enable everyone to invest in innovation, alongside investment professionals and on the same terms. In 2023, it joined the Founders Future group, which specialises in early-stage financing. The group is behind French Tech success stories such as Lydia, Yuka, ekWateur, Lunii, Teads and Mon Petit Placement.

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