

## **Press Release**

## HARLAY AVOCATS ASSISTS SEB ALLIANCE IN THE IEVA GROUP'S LATEST FUNDRAISING

Intuiskin (parent company of the Ioma, Ioma Hair and Made with Care brands), created in 2010 and sold to Unilever in 2012, has been acquired by Ieva Group, a specialist in personalised beauty.

With this acquisition, leva Group strengthens its activities in personalised beauty.

The Group is now divided into three strategic units: a first unit made up of cosmetic brands (make-up, permanent make-up, hair care, face and body), another one regrouping a network of 150 shops and a last "technology" branch, integrating in particular the beauty subscription, connected jewelry and skin and hair diagnostic devices.

leva Group's ambition is to become a "Netflix of beauty", by moving from a purchase logic to a subscription logic, with a content offer. To do this, leva Group wants to rely on its online platform, accessible by application. Subscribers will have access to content (such as fitness classes for example) and receive sets of adapted products after a skin diagnosis.

On the occasion of this transaction, Unilever took a minority stake in the share capital of leva Group, which completed a new round of financing of €9 million with Crédit Mutuel Innovation and SEB Alliance, its historical shareholders.

SEB Alliance, the corporate venture vehicle of the SEB Group, a world leader in small domestic appliances, was designed to strengthen the Group's monitoring system by investing in innovative companies. Since its creation, SEB Alliance has made more than twenty direct minority investments, mainly in three areas: the connected world, well-being and sustainable development. SEB Alliance has also invested in several thematic innovation funds.

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