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## HARLAY AVOCATS ADVISES QEVLAR AI IN A SEED ROUND BRINGING TOTAL FINANCING TO \$14 MILLION

Founded in May 2023, **Qevlar AI**, which uses artificial intelligence to help companies defend themselves against cyberattacks, completes a seed round bringing total financing to \$14 million, led by **EQT Ventures** and **Forgepoint Capital International**.

**Qevlar AI** uses generative AI and aims to protect companies against cyberattacks.

Its solution enables investigations to be carried out autonomously, just like a human being. **Qevlar AI** is aimed at Europe's largest corporations, as well as MSSPs (Manage Security Service Providers), intermediaries who simplify the management of security services for businesses.

**Qevlar AI** was founded by **Ahmed Achchak**, CEO, **Hamza Sayah**, CTO and **Roland de la Chapelle**, business advisor.

Thanks to this fundraising, the cybersecurity startup, whose team quadrupled last year, plans to hire over twenty employees while investing in R&D and accelerating its international development, particularly in the United States.

The seed round bringing total financing to \$14 million was led by **EQT Ventures** and **Forgepoint Capital International** alongside tech and AI business angels such as **Olivier Pomel**, CEO of **Datadog**, **Florian Douetteau**, CEO of **Dataiku** and **Mehdi Ghissassi**, former product manager of Google DeepMind.

**Thibault Chareton** (partner) and **Bruno Bernery** (associate) of Harlay Avocats advised the company on this round.

**Morgan, Lewis & Bockius UK LLP** (**Sébastien Pontillo** and **Carole Ruggiu**) advised the investors.

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