

## Press Release

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### **Hardis Group appoints Vanessa Vagost as financial director**

**Formerly responsible for internal control and consolidation at Groupe Open (a listed digital services company), Vanessa Vagost has joined the management team at the consulting firm, digital services company and independent software vendor to support its strong growth.**

Grenoble, March 8, 2018 – Hardis Group, a consulting firm, digital services company and independent software vendor, expands its management team by appointing Vanessa Vagost as financial director. This new post is part of the implementation of a new organization to support its strong growth both in France and abroad.

42-year-old Vanessa Vagost brings 20 years of experience in finance, internal and external auditing, accounting, management control and management. Prior to joining Hardis Group, she was internal control and consolidation manager from 2005 at Groupe Open, a listed digital services company which has experienced strong organic and external growth in recent years.

Vanessa Vagost's main task will be to provide Hardis Group with the financial tools to support its strong growth both in France and abroad and diversify its growth methods: consolidation of figures between subsidiaries and the parent company, management and calculation of investment profitability (external growth operations, sites in new countries, etc.), financial structure optimization, financing of new projects, etc.

*“Vanessa's areas of expertise and her experience in a strong-growth company in the same sector can really help us to make our sustainable development objectives a long-term reality,”* says Christian Balmain, Chairman of Hardis Group.

A graduate of EM Lyon business school and the Institut d'Etudes Politiques de Grenoble (Grenoble institute of political studies), Vanessa Vagost began her career as a senior consultant in the audit and consulting branch of Ernst & Young from 1999 to 2005.

#### **About Hardis Group**

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A consulting firm, digital services company and independent software vendor, Hardis Group is committed to accelerating the transformation of its clients' value chains, information systems and supply chain. Its teams support the strategic, organizational and technological transformations of companies in order to increase their competitive edge. They design, develop and integrate differentiating solutions, capitalizing on the most innovative technologies (cloud, platforming, artificial intelligence, IoT, robotics, etc.). Hardis Group's Reflex software suite and Eyesee inventory drone enable international companies to meet the challenges of efficient logistics operations in warehouses, factories and stores all over the world.

Remaining independent since its creation in 1984, Hardis Group cultivates the spirit of initiative, the creativity and talent development of its 1,000 employees to sustain its growth, and the long-term trust of its 2,500 clients. In 2016, Hardis Group achieved a turnover of 83.3 million euros and plans to exceed 99 million euros in 2017. It has offices in Grenoble (head office), Paris, Lyon, Lille, Nantes, Bordeaux, Geneva and Madrid.

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