

Press release

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Transdev reinforces its presence in the Île-de-France

When Transdev announced the acquisition of the group Espaces, on the 3rd of June 2008, it reinforced its position as an important private operator for public transport in the Île-de-France.

The group Espaces, a major player in public transport East of Paris

Transdev announced on the 3rd of June 2008 that it signed the acquisition contract of Espaces, a family group founded in 1931 by the Bernini family in Meaux, which is very well known in the Île-de-France and more specifically in the Seine-et-Marne region through its three main brands: Marne et Morin, Darche Gros and Chambon Gros.

The group Espaces operates more than 500 vehicles with approximately 900 employees in public transport, tourism and occasional transport.

Within the context of the reorganization project which the family group started two years ago, the Bernini family concentrated its shares around Mister Jean-Marc Bernini who is the current chairman of the board.

The group Espaces then approached the group Transdev in order to build onto a first class public transport player to enhance its capacity to develop and modernize its activity for the benefit of local authorities within the context of the contracts defined by the STIF (supervising transport authority for the Île-de-France) and its development policy for public transport.

Thanks to this alliance, Transdev reinforces its position in the Île-de-France and from now on provides 20% of the public transport activity in the outer suburbs of the Île-de-France region.

Espaces in brief

Turnover 2007: € 65 million

900 employees

More than 500 vehicles

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Transdev in brief :

Transdev, a subsidiary of Caisse des Dépôts, is the fourth private sector public transport operator in Europe.

With its 12 tram networks (Grenoble, Madrid, Melbourne, Montpellier, Mulhouse, Nantes, Nottingham, Orléans, Strasbourg, Tenerife, Utrecht, Valenciennes), 2 networks under construction (Edimbourg, Reims) and 2 metros (Porto and Genoa), Transdev is a global leader on this market.

Present in 9 countries, in Europe as well as in Canada and in Australia, Transdev provides travelling for more than 1.2 billion passengers per year.

The Group operates a fleet of more than 20,000 vehicles, 15,000 coaches and buses, 1,000 trams, 90 metros, 30 trains, 40 river shuttles and 4,000 vehicles for demand-responsive transport, a market on which Transdev is the European leader.

Transdev has more than 41 000 employees and manages a turnover of 3.3 billion Euros in 2008.

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