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House of Talents and Arcq announced today that they have concluded a final agreement with respect to the acquisition of Arcq, a leading staffing company in life sciences. Through this acquisition House of Talents is entering the pharmaceutical industry.

Since its creation 7 years ago, Arcq has become the reference in staffing in the life sciences industry. "Arcq specializes in the project staffing of scientific profiles looking for a job in the life sciences, nutrition and chemical industry. Today we employ 75 consultants, both experienced profiles and young graduates. We offer our consultants the continuity of a fixed contract combined with a variety of challenging projects at customers," said manager and founder Sophie Arcq.

Steve Rousseau, CEO of House of Talents, is happy with the acquisition. "Arcq is a fast-growing company that focuses on quality service, which is fully in line with our vision. With the acquisition of Arcq, we strengthen our presence in niche markets"

Arcq is the first acquisition since Sofindev's recent participation in House of Talents. "This acquisition is perfectly in line with our strategy to achieve a healthy balance between organic and acquisitive growth."

Co-shareholder Sophie Arcq will continue to manage the company in the future. "We enthusiastically take this opportunity to become part of House of Talents and are convinced that we have found the right partner to help us with our growth ambitions. This evolution allows our team to focus on the quality of our services to candidates, employees and customers while relying on the expertise and experience of House of Talents." During the process, Sophie Arcq has been advised by KBC Securities.

House of Talents was founded in 2008 by Steve Rousseau and as per today groups 8 different companies: Sales Talents, Care Talents, Financial Talents, HR Talents, Executive Talents, Next-ICT, BTS Food. The group employs more than 650 specialists in different niche markets and expects to realize a consolidated turnover of € 50,000,000 in 2017

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