



Elaia appoints Florian Denis and Clément Vanden Driessche as Partners



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(Paris, France - January 13, 2025) Elaia is delighted to share that Florian Denis and Clément Vanden Driessche are joining Elaia's partnership. We welcome their leadership and the strong track-record they bring to the Elaia team.

Florian joined Elaia's deep tech practice over five years ago. He has played a key role in taking our biotech investments to the next level, leading these with passion and expertise and driving growth and returns across our portfolio.

He previously was Associate at Auriga Partners and then Equity Research analyst within the healthcare division of Société de bourse Gilbert Dupont (Société Générale).

"I'm honoured to join Elaia's partnership, it is a meaningful milestone that reflects the collective effort and performance of the team, as well as the trust and support we've built together." says Florian Denis, Partner. "I truly believe the best is yet to come - especially as we accelerate our efforts in life sciences, a sector full of potential and opportunities for growth. I'm excited to contribute to this momentum and help drive the next wave of success at Elaia".

Clément has been working within the Elaia deep tech team for nearly two years, leading investments and portfolio growth in future of computing and industrial tech, leveraging his expertise and experience in these domains. He has been a key contributor to the expansion of Elaia's international strategy, including the German market, as well as our team management.

Prior to joining Elaia, Clément spent over five years as a Director at Next47, a \$1.2B global venture firm based in Silicon Valley, building the fund's expansion across Europe and leading the growth operating model for 30+ US, Israeli and European scaleups. Clément started his career at Safran, a leading aerospace and defence company, as an engineer and took on management roles in strategy and investment across deep tech ventures.

"I'm thrilled to join the partnership at Elaia and thankful for the trust and recognition I've received from the partners and team," says Clément Vanden Driessche, Partner. It is an immense pleasure to continue contributing to the performance and international growth of Elaia, European VC combining an exceptional track record and strong culture for over twenty years. The deep tech ecosystem is still in its early days and I am excited to support the new wave of ambitious European entrepreneurs and Elaia's future successes, leveraging my VC and operational background on the international level.

Xavier Lazarus, Managing Partner and co-founder, explains: *"It is first and foremost a recognition of Florian and Clement's full commitment and hard work. Their promotion reflects our confidence in their ability to continue contributing to the team - bringing dealmaking talents, fundraising skills, strong track record and team-driven spirit. I'm thrilled to welcome both of them to the partnership and am looking forward to their contribution as Partners."*

Anne-Sophie Carrese, Partner, adds: *"These two partner promotions confirm the strength of Elaia's deep-tech strategy, as Elaia manages its third generation of deep-tech seed funds."*