



## Sword Group - Refocusing the business on Data Management

### Sword today announced the sale of its AFS business to Sopra Steria Group

This disposal completes the cycle designed to refocus the Group's business activities exclusively on Data Management, including:

- In the Services sector, the process whereby data is transformed into information, data processing using new technologies with a ticket to growth in Blockchain Technologies, Robot Process Automation (RPA), the Internet of Things, etc.
- In the Software business, GRC, Security, Investigation and Intellectual Property.

Within the context of this disposal, the Group benefits from extremely positive fundamentals such as its strong profitability and double-digit organic growth.

The cash generated by this disposal will serve to finance:

- Organic growth,
- New initiatives,
- Larger acquisitions,
- Shareholder remuneration.

The sector involved is the one covered by the Apak subsidiaries located notably in Bristol - the UK and Atlanta - US.

Deconsolidation took place on October, 18<sup>th</sup>. The 2018 budgeted revenue of APAK amounts to €31 M.

The Apak teams are delighted with the merger.

The Group confirms the fundamentals for its future development:

- a/ Coherence,
- b/ Double-digit organic growth,
- c/ Acquisition in the sectors already covered by the Group.



#### Calendar

25/10/18

Publication of 2018 Third Quarter Revenue



#### About Sword Group

Sword has **2,200\*** IT/Digital & Software specialists present over **5** continents to accompany you in the growth of your organisation in the digital age.

As a leader in **technological and digital transformation**, Sword has since **2000** acquired a solid reputation in software publishing and in complex IT & business project management.

With Sword you have the guarantee of **strong close** and qualified local commitment, the aim of which is to **optimise** your **processes** and **data**.

The press release will be published on the web sites here after: Thomson Reuters and Sword Group. It was also sent to the "Commission de Surveillance du Secteur Financier (CSSF)" and saved on the [Luxembourg Stock Exchange's](#) website.

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