



## Joint press release

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# KBC Arkiv invests in expansion of LCL Belgium data center

*KBC Arkiv, the joint subsidiary of KBC Private Equity and Arkimedes, is to invest 1 500 000 euros in LCL Belgium NV/SA. LCL Belgium is an independent data center that operates from two locations in Diegem and Antwerp. The data center in Diegem will be renovated and extended to form a completely new, state-of-the-art data center.*

Data centers are growing rapidly. More and more companies are prepared to house their central business applications and databases in a data center in order to reduce their telecommunication costs and ensure continuity and connectivity. Thanks to the expansion of its data center, LCL Belgium can meet the ever-growing demand from existing and new customers.

Laurens van Reijen, Managing Director of LCL: 'It is partly thanks to the support of KBC Arkiv that LCL Belgium can expand the capacity of its data center. This support will enable us to meet the demand for additional capacity from both existing and new customers, utilising modern, purpose-built infrastructure that meets the highest requirements in terms of design, security and connectivity.'

'The expansion of the data center is a major step for LCL Belgium towards growth in a sector with increasing demands regarding norms and standards. The investment from KBC Arkiv has established a solid financial basis for this growth', according to Philippe de Vicq, Managing Director of KBC Private Equity.

The investment is part of a larger financing project to expand the existing data center in Diegem. The installation of a new electrical system and additional space for racks and suites will quadruple the data center's power and cooling capacity. A new high-voltage transformer, emergency generators, UPS, a new cooling system and new access control are planned. LCL will also use the renovation project to make substantial improvements to the premises and grounds in Diegem. The new data center will start operating in the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester of 2009.

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**NOTE TO THE EDITOR:**

**About LCL Belgium**

LCL Belgium is an independent data center that operates from two locations in Diegem and Antwerp. Its facilities are connected to the major national and international carrier networks. LCL's catalogue of services includes providing space and guaranteed power and cooling resources, a comprehensive array of connectivity solutions (MPLS, IP-VPN, Internet backbone providers, Voice over IP, video connectivity, etc.) through the major operators, and a range of back-up services.

A data center is a facility where business-critical ICT equipment can be housed and where the networks of various telecommunication service providers, the Internet and other public networks can be interconnected.

For more information, visit [www.lcl.be](http://www.lcl.be).  
Photographs are available on request.

**About KBC Arkiv**

A joint subsidiary of KBC Private Equity and Arkimedes, KBC Arkiv provides growth capital and advice to innovative and fast-growing Flemish companies. KBC Arkiv is a 10-year closed-end fund with an investment budget of 25 million euros. It is managed by KBC Private Equity. KBC Arkiv already has twelve Flemish growth companies in its investment portfolio. For more information, visit [www.kbcarkiv.be](http://www.kbcarkiv.be).

**About KBC Private Equity**

KBC Private Equity, the private equity financier of the KBC group, provides growth capital to and finances acquisitions of medium-sized companies for amounts between 2 million and 50 million euros. KBC Private Equity operates primarily in Belgium and in Central and Eastern Europe, the KBC group's two home markets. With an experienced team of 29 people, KBC Private Equity has more than 65 active investments in portfolio with a market value in excess of 450 million euros. For more information, visit [www.kbcpe.be](http://www.kbcpe.be).

**About Arkimedes**

ARKimedes (*Activering RisicoKapitaal*) is an initiative launched by the Flemish Government to make private equity available to fast-growing Flemish companies. It has raised 110 million euros from private investors and aims to use these resources to double the private equity pumped into Flemish SMEs by professional investment funds (i.e. by investing up to one euro extra for each euro invested by these funds). For more information, visit [www.arkimedes.be](http://www.arkimedes.be).