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## Rafaut Group Finalizes Its Acquisition of Alkan Group

*Following the acquisition of Secapem and its subsidiary Lun'tech, and the subsequent acquisition of Lace, the Rafaut Group, a civil and defense aeronautics equipment supplier, is venturing a step further by acquiring the Alkan Group, a historic player in the field of carriage and release systems in defense aeronautics. The Rafaut Group is now the European leader and an undeniable world authority in this field.*

With 200 employees armed with recognized technical know-how, and present in 65 user countries across more than 100 platforms, the Alkan Group designs, develops, manufactures and performs maintenance on carriage, release and mission equipment, in particular for fighter aircraft, helicopters, light aircraft and maritime patrol aircraft. Alkan Group turnover totaled €54 million in 2020.

This merger sees the Rafaut Group pursue its growth on an international scale, particularly in the United States and India, where the Alkan Group already enjoys established commercial positioning.

This move will boost the Rafaut Group's operational excellence and capacity for innovation to the benefit of its customers. It is a dual key partner to the main next-generation aeronautical programs, including for carbon-free commercial aircraft and the Future Air Combat System (SCAF).

Backed by its shareholders, HLD, ACE Capital Partners, Etoile Capital and BNP Paribas Development, the Rafaut Group is proving itself as a leading European civil and defense aeronautics equipment supplier. This will serve to bolster the European Defense Industrial and Technological Base.

***“This merger is a key milestone for the Rafaut Group's growth. The new organization of around 650 people is set to achieve turnover of around €160 million in 2021.***

***Our over 150 years of experience in aircraft carriage and release systems put us in a leading position. Moreover, pooling our skills allows us to be more innovative, more agile and more robust, to offer our customers better solutions,”*** states Bruno Berthet, Executive Chairman of the Rafaut Group.



## About the Rafaut Group

The Rafaut Group is now a French mid-size enterprise, an equipment supplier for civil and defense aeronautics. A specialist in carriage and release in the defense field, Rafaut also operates in the civil sector, developing and producing complex electromechanical sub-assemblies.

Its subsidiaries Secapem and Lun'tech develop and market a range of training and radar solutions for the armed forces. Its subsidiary Lace specializes in designing, assembling and repairing products for the carriage of cargo in helicopters.

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## About the Alkan Group



Established by Robert Alkan in 1923, Alkan is a leader in the field of carriage and release systems for defense aeronautics. The company primarily designs and manufactures equipment designed to form an interface between the airplane and its cargo: wing pylons, ejectors, triggers, etc. depending on the type of aircraft.

Electronics engineering firm SECA Automation was acquired in early 2019, and lends its expertise in terms of the design and manufacture of on-board electronic equipment, cabling and test benches.

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