



## Media Release

### **ACOLIN completes acquisition of Luxembourg-based Global Fund Analytics (GFA) to add distribution oversight and data analytics capabilities to the Group's service offering**

**Zurich, 26 April 2021 – ACOLIN, a leading provider of regulatory and cross-border fund distribution services across Europe, is pleased to announce the acquisition of GFA. Founded in 2014, GFA operates a SaaS-based data collection and analytics platform for asset managers and distributors to manage their increasing compliance obligations and to enable asset managers to gain valuable insights into their distribution networks and identify opportunities to further improve business performance.**

Following the recent acquisition of Fundbase, this is the second transaction since Sovereign Capital Partners, the UK private equity Buy and Build specialist, backed ACOLIN's management buy-out in June 2020. GFA delivers a number of the growth objectives set out at the time, specifically the establishment of a meaningful presence in Luxembourg which is a key European financial centre for cross-border fund distribution, the addition of a modular, technology-enabled proposition in a core area of regulatory compliance which delivers recurring SaaS revenues, and further management capability with GFA founder Gert Rautenberg taking up the role of Group Head of Strategic Business Development.

Theo Splinter, CEO of ACOLIN commented: "GFA's sophisticated and flexible technology platform will allow ACOLIN's asset management clients to substantially strengthen their relationship with distribution partners through fully customisable oversight tools and state-of-the-art analytical tools, generating transparent and strategic insights into their distribution activities. At the same time, we are able to permanently strengthen our presence in the important European fund centre of Luxembourg, and we are delighted to welcome Gert Rautenberg and his fantastic team to the ACOLIN family."

Gert Rautenberg, CEO of GFA said: "We are thrilled to be joining a successful team, with whom we share a strategic vision as well as a passion for service excellence and technology innovation. The integration of GFA into the ACOLIN Group will allow for the provision of a wide set of integrated support services on one truly integrated platform, offering our clients transparency, efficiency and growth opportunities in their distribution endeavours."

As part of the acquisition, GFA will be rebranded as ACOLIN Analytics, whilst Gert Rautenberg will join the Group Executive Board.

#### **About ACOLIN Fund Services AG (ACOLIN)**

Established in 2006 in Zurich, ACOLIN is a success story in European financial services, catering to the specific needs of asset managers active in cross-border fund distribution. ACOLIN helps its clients to access new markets, meet regulatory obligations and grow assets under management across multiple jurisdictions. The business represents investment funds across various markets, ensuring that all regulatory obligations are rigorously fulfilled, and that fund data and documents are available to investors, intermediaries and to the



relevant authorities. The business currently provides services to over 600 asset managers representing some 1800 investment funds across 30 countries.

In addition, ACOLIN's proprietary distribution network facilitates clients' quick access to a wide array of fund distribution channels across Europe, overseeing data and commission management together with ongoing monitoring and due diligence of distribution partners.

ACOLIN employs more than 100 staff and, in addition to its headquarters in Zurich, has subsidiaries and offices in Belgrade, Bratislava, Constance, Dublin, Frankfurt, Luxembourg, Geneva, London, Madrid and Milan.

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