

## InnovaFonds strengthens its Lyon office with the arrival of Damien Demers as Investment Director

InnovaFonds is strengthening its investment team in its Lyon office with the arrival of Damien Demers as Investment Director to support the growth of its activity, the number of investments in its portfolio and new investment vehicles.

Damien Demers holds a master's degree in management science and a master's degree in financial engineering from the IAE in Nice. He started his career in 2010 within the private equity structures of Banque Populaire Auvergne Rhône Alpes (Garibaldi Participations). As an account manager and then director of participations, he has accompanied, for 12 years, the leaders of SMEs in the AURA region by making more than a dozen investments (including Dydesys, Laboratoire Provendi, Matériel-Vélo, Nextpool, EPC Solaire ...).

Damien brings his experience to support the regional **strategy (Growth Partner)**, in addition to participating in the animation of our regional network of entrepreneurs.

### **About InnovaFonds:**

**InnovaFonds** is an independent management company with more than €300 million under management. It is active in majority, minority and flex transactions, with underwritings of up to €30 million. As an active shareholder alongside management and a true "sparring partner", **InnovaFonds** is involved in a financial and industrial partnership with a strong business approach. As a responsible and committed investor, InnovaFonds places value creation through growth, in favour of human capital and the energy transition, at the heart of its strategy. InnovaFonds makes its experience and networks available to its investments in order to support organic development projects while promoting external growth operations.