

## IK Partners to acquire DATAPART

*Press Release*

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**IK Partners (“IK”) is pleased to announce that the IK Small Cap IV (“IK SC IV”) Fund has signed an agreement to acquire DATAPART Factoring GmbH (“DATAPART” or “the Company”), a leading German provider of business process outsourcing (“BPO”) for driving schools, alongside the existing management team. IK is acquiring its stake from German Equity Partners V, a fund managed by independent investment company ECM Equity Capital Management GmbH (“ECM”). Financial terms of the transaction are not disclosed.**

Founded in 1994 and headquartered in Ludwigsburg, Germany, DATAPART provides a tech-enabled BPO solution for driving schools, which covers billing, payment processing, administrative processes as well as liquidity management. The Company’s full-service outsourcing offering is seamlessly integrated with its clients’ operations through its own proprietary software system, which provides for comprehensive process automation. Its small and medium-sized enterprise customers benefit from significantly reduced administrative burdens, greater financial security and enhanced flexibility — enabling them to focus on their core business and development. DATAPART is the clear leader in its market, with a long-term track record of consistent growth.

In partnership with IK, DATAPART will further develop its platform by investing in its solutions and capabilities. It will leverage IK’s extensive BPO expertise and strong presence in the DACH region to strengthen its differentiated position in the German driving school market and expand its footprint.

**David Wimpff and Max Thielemann, Co-CEOs of DATAPART, said:** “We are thrilled to partner with IK as we strengthen our position in the driving school BPO market. This investment represents a significant milestone in DATAPART’s journey towards becoming a leading tech-enabled BPO specialist. With IK’s expertise and strong track record as a leading investor in the DACH region, we are confident in our ability to achieve accelerated growth while expanding our market share in Germany and beyond. We are particularly excited about exploring new verticals together, leveraging IK’s operational capabilities and extensive network.”

**Nils Pohlmann, Partner at IK and Advisor to the IK SC IV Fund, added:** “Mobility in our society starts at the level of driving schools. DATAPART is the clear market leader when it comes to BPO solutions, offering crucial support to driving schools and enhancing their operations. We have been impressed by DATAPART’s ability to provide tech-enabled outsourcing solutions and its consistent, long-term track record of high-quality service delivery. David and Max are a strong, entrepreneurial management team with deep industry knowledge and we are excited to be supporting the Company in its next chapter of growth.”

**Axel Eichmeyer, Managing Partner at ECM, added:** “It has been a great pleasure collaborating with David, Max and the entire DATAPART team, supporting DATAPART’s continued growth and development. We would like to thank the team for their trust and dedication and wish them continued success alongside their new partner, IK.”

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## **About DATAPART**

DATAPART is the leading specialist in BPO services for driving schools in Germany, with over 600 customers. DATAPART has established itself as a proven partner for driving schools through its long-standing experience and its industry-specific, software-supported solution portfolio. For more information, visit [datapart-factoring.de/](http://datapart-factoring.de/)

## **About IK Partners**

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