

# Private equity company buys majority stake in Historic French Shipping Firm

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*Samira Draoua assumed on July 1 the role of chief executive officer of LDA. / Photo credit: Louis Dreyfus Armateurs (LDA)*

**The French shipowner, operator, and logistics provider Louis Dreyfus Armateurs (LDA) has confirmed yesterday that InfraVia becomes the majority shareholder in the company to support the group's development. The deal was first announced in public in February with the parties entering into exclusive negotiations.**

The Louis-Dreyfus family, shareholder of Louis Dreyfus Armateurs (LDA), and the private equity company in Europe InfraVia Capital Partners have completed the strategic transaction in which InfraVia, through its InfraVia European Fund VI, has acquired an 80% majority stake in LDA.

The Louis-Dreyfus family retains a 20% share, with Edouard Louis-Dreyfus remaining president of the group.

Meanwhile, Samira Draoua assumed yesterday the role of chief executive officer of LDA.

Samira Draoua, with a career spanning finance, digital transformation, and maritime operations in both France and abroad, previously served as CEO of Econocom France and president of Les Abeilles International.

Furthermore, Louis Dreyfus Armateurs will soon be renamed LD Armateurs (LDA).

With InfraVia support, LDA plans to invest €1bn over the coming years to more than double its fleet and accelerate its growth in technological innovation, energy transition, and the development of next-generation maritime services and navigation modes.