

CHG-MERIDIAN expands its sustainable funding: new ESG-linked syndicated loan underpinned by widespread investor confidence

- **New syndicated loan with a total volume of €100 million placed**
- **25 savings banks from nine federal states are involved**
- **CHG-MERIDIAN has raised €700 million in green funding since 2021**

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A further sustainable syndicated loan of EUR 100 million has been contributing to CHG-MERIDIAN's growth financing since June 26, 2024 and confirms investors' confidence in the leading global technology2use company. Besides a large number of existing investors, CHG-MERIDIAN managed to attract four new investors during the brief marketing phase for the funding. The tranche of the ESG-linked loan has a term of five years.

The latest syndicated loan was coordinated by the sole lead arranger, Helaba. A total of 25 savings banks from nine different federal states across Germany took part in the financing arrangement. Besides existing investors, who increased their exposure, the Company was able to attract new investors and thereby further diversify its investor base. The involvement of savings banks from such a broad geographical spread is testimony to CHG-MERIDIAN's reputation throughout Germany and the confidence with which its business strategy is viewed.

Successful expansion of sustainable growth strategy

As with the previous three syndicated loans that CHG-MERIDIAN arranged with Helaba, this one is also ESG-linked. "The new loan takes us much closer to our long-term goal of financing our growth entirely through sustainable funding solutions," explains Ulrich Bergmann, CFO of the CHG-MERIDIAN Group. "Investor confidence in us sends a very positive signal and will strengthen CHG-MERIDIAN both internally and externally."

CHG-MERIDIAN raises €385 million from sustainable funding instruments in 2023

In 2023 alone, CHG-MERIDIAN raised €385 million from sustainable funding, including ESG-linked syndicated loans, bonded loans, and direct loans that have a sustainability-linked component. In addition to the ESG-linked loan of €75 million from November 2023, two other sustainable syndicated loans of €100 million and €35 million were placed in June and November last year, along with an [ESG-linked bonded loan](#) of another €100 million in August 2023. The remaining funding of €75 million came from sustainable direct loans. The Company has successfully raised a total of €700 million in green funding from investors since 2021.

The CHG-MERIDIAN Group

The CHG-MERIDIAN Group is a leading global technology2use company in the IT, industrial, and healthcare sectors. It has more than 1,400 employees worldwide and develops, finances, and manages customized technology solutions based on the principle of usage over ownership. This gives customers including large corporations, SMEs, public authorities, and hospitals access to the latest technologies, cost-effective financing models, and tailored services that meet individual needs. CHG-MERIDIAN currently manages a technology portfolio worth €10 billion (2023) and has a presence in 30 countries on five continents without being tied to any specific banks or manufacturers. Its services are available in up to 190 countries through its subsidiaries, partner networks, and affiliated companies.

The sustainability-based principles of the circular economy lie at the heart of CHG-MERIDIAN's business model. The Company has been continually expanding its expertise in this area since it was founded 45 years ago in 1979. CHG-MERIDIAN manages its customers' technology assets along the

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