

**PRESS RELEASE**

**Linkstone Capital advised the Government of Mali in the sale of a 51% stake in Banque Internationale du Mali (“BIM”) to AttijariWafa Bank.**

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Linkstone Capital Ltd (“**Linkstone Capital**”) advised the Government of Mali in the sale of a 51% stake in BIM to AttijariWafa Bank (“**AttijariWafa**”) Morocco’s largest banking group.

Total consideration for the transaction was Euros 60 millions.

Linkstone Capital advised the Government of Mali in devising the privatization strategy and in managing the sale process through an international competitive tender.

AttijariWafa is Morocco’s largest banking groups and one of the leading financial groups in Africa.

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