
Small and mid-cap specialist Cyril de Vanssay joins Aecus Partners as Europe fund assets surpass €100M



Cyril de Vanssay has joined Aecus Partners' investment team, focussing on European small and mid-cap company research and idea generation. He will work closely with a team of long-standing colleagues - Arnaud Cosserat, Alistair Wittet and Sébastien Thévoux-Chabuel. His appointment comes as the firm's Aecus Europe Equity Fund surpassed €100m in assets under management (AUM) in November, 4 months after its launch.

Based in Paris, Cyril brings over 15 years of European equities expertise and will focus on identifying high quality small and mid-cap companies with the potential to create long term value for investors. He previously worked at Groupama Asset Management as an Analyst and Portfolio Manager within the firm's European small and mid-cap team, co-managing over €4 billion in client assets. In 2020, Cyril co-founded Lonvia Capital, an investment boutique where he was a Portfolio Manager. A French national, Cyril holds a MSc in Financial Markets from EDHEC.

In his new role at Aecus Partners, Cyril will deepen the team's research coverage of smaller European companies – an important component within the firm's all-cap strategies. He said, "I'm excited to join the Aecus team at this exciting stage of their development. I have long admired this portfolio management team – their high-conviction approach, positive team culture and undisputed track record. We share a common philosophy that while near-term growth is efficiently valued by the market, quality and durability are not - so this is the area we focus on".

Head of Investments Alistair Wittet said, "Identifying the large caps of tomorrow is essential. With his proven success in European small and mid-cap investing, Cyril is a great addition to the team, bringing complementary skills and depth to our research. Our experience has shown that in a concentrated strategy like ours, long-term portfolio performance is driven by a handful of names, some of which start as smaller capitalisation companies that go on to deliver and grow for decades. Importantly, Cyril shares not only our long-term philosophy but also our values as a company - committed to fairness, transparency and simplicity in all that we do."

The appointment marks Aecus Partners' third senior investment hire in 2025.

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About Aecus Partners

Aecus (*ay-kus*) Partners is an investment boutique managing concentrated European and Global equity portfolios. Based in Paris, the firm is employee-owned and was founded in 2024 by a senior team of four former colleagues. The founders believe in a core set of values – the word Aecus denotes patience, integrity, fairness. Their focus is on delivering attractive long-term returns to clients, with a transparent and simple business model.

With assets under management of over €120m¹, Aecus Partners offers segregated account management and manages three Irish UCITS public funds that launched June 2025: Aecus Europe Equity, Aecus Continental Equity and Aecus Global Equity. The team is focused on managing concentrated, long-term oriented portfolios of exceptional businesses that can grow for decades. They believe that persistence matters more than speed, focusing on durable franchises that maintain healthy relationships with stakeholders.

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