

PRESS RELEASE

Wolters Kluwer acquires accountancy portfolio of European cloud workflow automation and data exchange solutions

Acquisition includes CodaBox, ClearFacts, Clearnox, Zoomit, and Flowin

Alphen — July 29, 2024 — Wolters Kluwer Tax & Accounting (TAA) today announces that it has signed an agreement with Belgian fintech company Isabel Group to acquire its accountancy portfolio of cloud-based financial workflow and data exchange solutions for €325 million in cash.

CodaBox, ClearFacts, Clearnox, Zoomit, and Flowin facilitate the seamless and secure transfer of bank statements, invoices, and other relevant data to optimize client collaboration and address the e-invoicing compliance needs of accounting firms and their clients across Europe. Trusted by over 8,000 accounting professionals and 380,000 small-and-midsize enterprises (SMEs), and corporate clients, these solutions help professionals increase efficiency and improve their clients' experience.

Wolters Kluwer and Isabel Group have an established, longstanding relationship and partnership. This portfolio complements Wolters Kluwer's existing European tax and accounting solutions and enables it to provide end-to-end coverage of the accountants' workflow from pre-accounting to post-accounting. More than 130 FTEs, based in Belgium and France, will join Wolters Kluwer Tax & Accounting Europe, which spans ten countries in Europe.

"The need to accelerate digital transformation to meet client needs is paramount," said Jason Marx, CEO, Wolters Kluwer Tax & Accounting. "Isabel Group's portfolio of leading accountancy solutions aligns perfectly with our vision to enable tax and accounting professionals and businesses of all sizes to drive productivity, navigate change, and deliver better outcomes. This acquisition, which complement the services we provide to Wolters Kluwer customers today, will deliver innovative platforms that deepen the collaboration between accountants and SMEs."

"We are proud to have built such strong products and services for the accounting sector with Isabel Group," said Bram Somers, Chairman of the Board of Directors, Isabel Group. "We are convinced that Wolters Kluwer Tax & Accounting is the ideal partner to further build on the success of these services."

In 2023, gross revenues of the acquired solutions grew 23% to reach €34 million (un-audited). Approximately 90% of revenues is recurring in nature and the majority is derived from the Benelux and France. The acquisition is expected to reach a return on invested capital at or above Wolters Kluwer's after tax weighted average cost of capital (8%) in its fifth full year of ownership. In the near term, it is expected to have an immaterial impact on Wolters Kluwer adjusted earnings. The transaction is subject to regulatory approvals and customary closing conditions and is expected to complete in the second half of 2024.

To learn more about Wolters Kluwer, please visit: <u>www.wolterskluwer.com</u>.

To learn more about Isabel Group, please visit <u>www.isabelgroup.eu</u>

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Wolters Kluwer reported 2023 annual revenues of €5.6 billion. The group serves customers in over 180 countries, maintains operations in over 40 countries, and employs approximately 21,400 people worldwide. The company is headquartered in Alphen aan den Rijn, the Netherlands.

Wolters Kluwer shares are listed on Euronext Amsterdam (WKL) and are included in the AEX and Euronext 100 indices. Wolters Kluwer has a sponsored Level 1 American Depositary Receipt (ADR) program. The ADRs are traded on the over-the-counter market in the U.S. (WTKWY).

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