Publicis Groupe (EURONEXT Paris: FR0000130577) announced today the acquisition of Nurun, a leading independent global design and technology consultancy, from Quebecor Media for 125 million Canadian dollars.

Headquartered in Montreal, Nurun, one of the leading independent digital networks, brings together human insight and new technology to design brilliant products and services, helping business thrive in a connected world. Founded in 2000, marking the beginning of its international expansion, Nurun has consistently grown its revenues and margins while strategically expanding its global footprint and capabilities.

Nurun’s business is rooted in two primary areas: Nurun Global, providing high value digital communication services that bridge strategy, design, ecommerce and technology, serving as the basis of its global market presence, and Nurun IT Consulting Services in Quebec, providing IT outsourcing and system integration services primarily to the Quebec Provincial Government.

Nurun’s specialities include IT innovation, integration and maintenance across the following areas: design research, digital products, service design, transactional platforms, user interfaces and post-PC ecosystems.

With 11 offices and 1,100 employees worldwide in San Francisco, Atlanta, Toronto, Montreal, Quebec, Madrid, Paris, Nancy, Milan, Turin and Shanghai, Nurun works with heavyweight brands such as Adidas, L’Oréal, Videotron, LVMH, Pirelli, SNCF, Haier, Pernod-Ricard, The Home Depot, Walmart, Sony, Google, LeapFrog and Tesla Motors. In 2013, Nurun recorded revenue of 139 million Canadian dollars.

The agency will operate under its existing management team with Jacques-Hervé Roubert as President and CEO.
“The acquisition of Nurun is another step forward in strengthening our world-class digital operations, and position as The Human Digital Agency,” said Maurice Lévy, chairman and CEO of Publicis Groupe. “Nurun’s expertise, based on a combination of design and new technologies, will not only bring widely-recognized talent and capabilities to our clients, but also strengthen Publicis Groupe’s digital global presence. The quality of the work delivered, the innovative solutions developed by Nurun and its talent pool made Nurun an obvious candidate to complement Publicis’ portfolio of digital assets,” he continued.

“Publicis Groupe is a leader in digital communications, and we believe Nurun’s growing business will benefit from being a part of it. We are looking forward to becoming part of Publicis Groupe to develop our practice, better serve clients and continue to pioneer digital expertise,” commented Jacques-Hervé Roubert.

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