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## DLA Piper advises Eurazeo Brands on its first European transaction with an investment in Swedish brand Axel Arigato.



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DLA Piper has advised Eurazeo Brands on its €56 million investment in Axel Arigato, a Swedish premium sneaker brand, recognized for its contemporary design, high-quality products and creative brand universe. Through the investment Eurazeo Brands becomes a majority shareholder, alongside Axel Arigato's founders, Max Svärdh and Albin Johansson.

Founded in 2014 in Gothenburg, Sweden, Axel Arigato is a high-growth, digitally-native company that has quickly become a leading player in the European premium sneaker market. Since 2016 the brand's revenues have almost tripled.

Eurazeo is a leading global investment company, with a diversified portfolio of  $\in$ 18,5 billion in assets under management, including  $\in$ 12,9 billion from third parties, invested in over 430 companies.

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