

CUATRECASAS ACTS FOR SYNTAX ON GRUPO LINKE ACQUISITION

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Cuatrecasas has advised Canada's Syntax on its acquisition of Spain's Grupo Linke, expanding its

global presence and SAP on AWS capabilities



The Montreal-based firm has acquired Grupo Linke Information Technologies to expand its European presence and strengthen its existing suite of SAP and Amazon Web Services offerings.

Syntax, the leading multi-cloud and multi-ERP managed cloud provider for mission-critical applications, expanded its global presence today through the acquisition of Linke, a preeminent provider of SAP on Amazon Web Services (AWS) solutions in the Iberian, French, and Nordic markets. Syntax currently provides cloud solutions and services to customers in a variety of major industries, including manufacturing, healthcare, construction, transportation, utilities and more. With this acquisition, Syntax combines its own renowned capabilities with those of Linke, allowing it to assist even more companies in the broader EMEA market on their journeys to the Cloud. Syntax is a portfolio company of Novacap, a Montreal-based private equity firm.

Founded in 2010, Linke has helped countless companies navigate and implement complex cloud migrations with their unparalleled expertise and innovative SAP and AWS solutions. The company was one of the first AWS Partner Network (APN) companies to achieve Premier Consulting Partner Status and became a SAP Gold Partner, the highest category of SAP's PartnerEdge Program, in 2020.

"Syntax is known for its commitment to innovation, our people and our customers. As we looked for a company with a similar mindset that could help us expand our presence in Europe, we could not have found a better company than Linke," said Christian Primeau, Global CEO of Syntax. "Linke's unmatched expertise in deploying, migrating, operating and automating enterprise applications — specifically SAP workloads — on AWS and dedication to customer success is well-known. This transaction represents an exciting opportunity for Syntax to further Linke's impressive capabilities and help even more customers reach their cloud goals."

Syntax will aim at expanding Linke's AWS Professional Services practice by growing its European Advisory and Migration offering in the DACH region (Germany, Austria and Switzerland) and in the Americas. Additionally, Syntax customers will benefit from the addition of innovative, new solutions and technologies, including AWS Connector for SAP, Emory Cloud Backup for SAP HANA and SAP Automation Platform.

"Over the past 10 years, we have established Linke as a leader in Europe for SAP on AWS environments, developing projects in 17 countries," said Chabier Sanvicente, Linke co-founder and CEO. "Joining our expertise with Syntax will allow us to grow faster, accelerate our international expansion, improve the development and capacity for our solutions and expand our value proposition so our clients can transform and innovate their business."

Cuatrecasas advised Syntax on this deal with a Barcelona office team led by Corporate partner Elena Cuatrecasas (pictured), including associate Pau Masana, lawyer Ainhoa Buenetxea and junior

associate Xavier Oriach, in close coordination with Canadian law firm McCarthy Tétrault LLP.