



Europe's most innovative online train ticket booking platform Capitaine Train raises €2.5M from Index Ventures and CM-CIC Capital Privé to fuel growth and expansion

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Capitaine Train secures €2.5 Million (\$3.25M) funding from Index Ventures (other investments include Skype and Dropbox) and CM-CIC Capital Privé.

Founded by Jean-Daniel Guyot, Martin Ottenwaelter and Valentin Surrel in 2009, Capitaine Train is Europe's most innovative online train ticket booking platform.

The company sells tickets to many European destinations with a focus on delivering great user experience and exceptional customer service. Capitaine Train is the only booking site that distributes all of the offers of the two major railway companies in Europe: SNCF and Deutsche Bahn. In addition to that the startup also sells iDTGV, Eurostar, Thalys and Lyria tickets. Capitaine Train's mission is to become the no. 1 marketplace for all major European rail operators.

Jean-Daniel Guyot, co-founder and CEO of Capitaine Train, said: « This investment will fuel our entry to new markets while assisting our growth in France. We're thrilled to have such a strong group of investors supporting that mission. This funding provides us with the opportunity to achieve our goal even faster. »

In February 2012 the company raised €1.4 Million (\$1.8M) from Index Ventures, CM-CIC Capital Privé and other investors and used the funding to build the technical capability of the platform. In a funding round led by Global Equities CF at the end of 2012, the company quickly received interest from several French and international investors. Enjoying a major involvement with the company since their first funding in 2012, Index Ventures and CM-CIC Capital Privé have now renewed their trust in Capitaine Train.

Martin Mignot, principal at Index Ventures, said: « Capitaine Train has a unique position, seamlessly connecting European booking systems and making them available to customers in a beautifully simple and easy-to-use website. Capitaine Train continuously shows strong results in terms of growth, revenue and customers engagement. We are very happy to continue supporting Capitaine Train and look forward to expanding the company's potential over time. »

About Capitaine Train

Capitaine Train was founded in 2009 by three software engineers with a unique goal: reinvent the way we book train tickets. By facilitating bookings from multiple rail operators, and building intuitive online booking tools Capitaine Train takes the pain out of booking train tickets in Europe.

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About Index Ventures

Index Ventures is a leading venture capital firm specializing in investments in information technology and life sciences companies. Among the firm's most notable investments are Skype, MySQL, Dropbox and Path.

About CM-CIC Capital Privé

CM-CIC Capital Privé is the management of Mutual Funds Investment in Innovation (FCPI) and Investment Funds Proximity (FIP) of the Groupe Crédit Mutuel - CIC (CM-CIC).

About Global Equities Corporate Finance

Global Equities Corporate Finance, a division of Global Equities Compagnie Financière, is a leading Capital Raising/IPO/M&A advisor in France serving IT, communications, greentech, healthcare, and digital media entrepreneurs.

About SB Avocats

SB Avocats is a boutique law firm specialized in advising entrepreneurs and fast-growing companies in the conduct of fund raising and M&A transactions. The firm has a significant track record in private equity transactions, especially in the web industry.