

EQT to Acquire Majority Interest in Aldevron

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The Firm is representing EQT VIII Fund in its announced definitive agreement to acquire a majority interest in Aldevron. Founders, management and TA Associates will retain a minority stake.

Founded in 1998 by Michael Chambers and John Ballantyne, Aldevron is the leading global supplier of GMP, GMP-Source™ and Research Grade plasmid DNA used in commercial, clinical and research stage gene therapies, as well as proteins, antibodies and mRNA. Aldevron's custom development and manufacturing capabilities enable scientists worldwide to develop groundbreaking new therapies with a focus on quality, speed and innovation. Aldevron is based in Fargo, North Dakota and has additional operations in Madison, Wisconsin and Freiburg, Germany.

EQT is a leading investment firm with more than EUR 61 billion in raised capital across 29 funds and around EUR 40 billion in assets under management. EQT funds have portfolio companies in Europe, Asia and the U.S. with total sales of more than EUR 21 billion and approximately 127,000 employees.

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