



Abivax Announces Closing of its Initial Public Offering on the Nasdaq Global Market

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PARIS, FRANCE / ACCESSWIRE / October 24, 2023 / Abivax SA (Euronext Paris:FR0012333284 - ABVX) (" **Abivax** " or the " **Company** "), a clinical-stage biotechnology company focused on developing therapeutics that harness the body's natural regulatory mechanisms to modulate the immune response in patients with chronic inflammatory diseases, today announced the closing of its previously announced initial public offering on the Nasdaq Global Market by way of a capital increase of 20,325,500 new ordinary shares (the " **New Shares** "), consisting of a public offering of 18,699,460 ordinary shares in the form of American Depositary Shares (" **ADSs** "), each representing the right to receive one ordinary share, in the United States (the " **U.S. Offering** ") and a concurrent offering of 1,626,040 ordinary shares in certain jurisdictions outside of the United States to certain investors (the " **European Private Placement** " and together with the U.S. Offering, the " **Global Offering** "). The offering price was set at \$11.60 per ADS in the U.S. Offering and a corresponding offering price of €10.9864 per ordinary share in the European Private Placement. The aggregate gross proceeds amounted to approximately \$235.8 million, equivalent to approximately €223.3 million, before deduction of underwriting commissions and estimated expenses payable by the Company. All of the ADSs and ordinary shares in the Global Offering were offered by Abivax.

Abivax's ordinary shares are listed on Euronext Paris under the symbol "ABVX" and its ADSs are listed on the Nasdaq Global Market under the symbol "ABVX". The ADSs began trading on the Nasdaq Global Market on October 20, 2023.

Morgan Stanley and Leerink Partners acted as joint global coordinators for the Global Offering and joint bookrunners for the U.S. Offering. LifeSci Capital acted as lead manager for the U.S. Offering. Bryan, Garnier & Co acted as European lead manager for the European Private Placement (collectively, the " **Underwriters** ").

Namsen Capital acted as Abivax's capital markets advisor.

A registration statement relating to the securities offered in the Global Offering has been filed with, and declared effective by, the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the " **SEC** ") on October 19, 2023. The Global Offering was made only by means of a prospectus. Copies of the final prospectus relating to and describing the terms of the Global Offering may be obtained from: Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC, Attention: Prospectus Department, 180 Varick Street, 2nd Floor, New York, NY 10014 or by email at prospectus@morganstanley.com ; or Leerink Partners LLC, Attention: Syndicate Department, 53 State Street, 40th Floor, Boston, MA 02109, by telephone at (800) 808-7525, ext. 6105, or by email at syndicate@leerink.com .

About Abivax

Abivax is a clinical-stage biotechnology company focused on developing therapeutics that harness the body's natural regulatory mechanisms to modulate the immune response in patients with chronic inflammatory diseases. Based in France and the U.S., Abivax's lead drug candidate, obefazimod (ABX464), is in Phase 3 clinical trials for the treatment of moderately to severely active ulcerative colitis.

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2. to fewer than 150 natural or legal persons (other than qualified investors as defined under the Prospectus Regulation), subject to obtaining the prior consent of the representatives for any such offer; or
3. in any other circumstances falling within Article 1(4) of the Prospectus Regulation,

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France

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