

CDC Ixis Invests \$94.5 Million In G.K. Goh's Nexgen Venture

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SINGAPORE—Singapore broker G.K. Goh Holdings Ltd. announced new investors for Nexgen Financial Holdings Ltd., its structured finance-services joint venture with local-state investments holding firm Singapore Technologies Pte. Ltd.

G.K. Goh said French bank CDC Ixis has agreed to invest \$94.5 million to acquire a 48% interest in Nexgen. CDC Ixis is a unit of Eulia, a financial holding alliance created last year by Caisse des Depots & Consignations and Caisse d'Epargne.

Europe-based Athena Private Equity will invest \$6 million and buyout firm IRR Capital will pay \$4 million, G.K. Goh said. Their combined stake will be 5.1%.

The new strategic investors will help Nexgen "broaden its business reach and to increase its capital base," G.K. Goh said. Nexgen's clients consist mainly of global companies, insurance firms, European and Asian midmarket companies, as well as high-net-worth individuals.

G.K. Goh's stake will be reduced to 19% from 31%, and its share of Nexgen's earnings will be diluted to 15% from 31%.

Singapore Technologies will own 26% of Nexgen, while the company's management will hold the remaining 1.9% shareholding.

G.K. Goh said Nexgen's increased shareholding base won't have any significant impact on the net tangible assets and earnings of the company.