

**Public Offer for Grupo Cortefiel Concludes Successfully  
with Acceptances of 86.82%**

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Today, MEP Retail España, a company owned by funds managed and advised by CVC, PAI and Permira, announces the successful conclusion of its public offer for Grupo Cortefiel. MEP Retail España has received 86.82% acceptances in respect of its offer.

Grupo Cortefiel is the second largest apparel retailer in Spain, through its Cortefiel, Springfield and Women's Secret operations. The company operates approximately 1,100 stores in total, including its presence outside the core Iberian market through its international retail formats and franchise operations.

MEP Retail will undertake the necessary actions to de-list the shares of the company and will place a sustained purchase order to acquire additional shares maintaining the price offered.

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