

Press Release

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**MilleniumAssociates Further Strengthens its Global Advisory Board
with Senior Appointment by Naming Ian Mullen, former Chief
Executive of the British Bankers' Association, as Latest Member**

MilleniumAssociates AG, the Swiss based independent international M&A Advisory firm to the global financial services industry, has appointed Ian Mullen as a member of its Global Advisory Board.

Ian Mullen has accomplished an eminent career in the financial services industry both in the UK and internationally. He held top management positions at Midland Bank (now HSBC Bank), Jardine, P&O, and at UBS where he was Chief Credit Officer at UBS Private Banking and sat on the Group Risk Committee and the UBS Private Banking Management Board. From 2001 until 1st April 2006 he was the Chief Executive of the British Bankers' Association.

Ray Soudah, a founder of MilleniumAssociates said, "Ian Mullen is an extremely senior and well qualified professional with a high level of experience in the financial services industry and with a detailed in-depth knowledge of the financial services sector in the UK and Europe at large. He is a respected and well-connected person and his addition will further strengthen MilleniumAssociates' truly focussed and specialised advisory services and will considerably strengthen the firm's capabilities.

Ian Mullen stated, "Having known MilleniumAssociates for many years, I am delighted to be associated with this truly independent advisory firm with a prime international reputation and global reach, and which, whilst Swiss based, has demonstrated its ability to serve the financial services industry, and in particular private banking and asset management, in a specialist and professional way on a global basis".

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Note to Editors

MilleniumAssociates is the only Swiss based independent M&A global advisory firm specialising in Mergers and Acquisitions and strategy consulting for the financial services industry exclusively. MilleniumAssociates' fully dedicated team of specialists are currently involved in numerous active financial services advisory projects with assignments supporting clients with expanding global strategies, as well as those seeking to determine their ideal strategic options including partnerships , alliances and IPO plans. The firm donates at least one percent of annual gross profits to charity.

Selected previous assignments of MilleniumAssociates include:

- Advised SAM Group (Sustainable Asset Management), Zurich, on its strategic cooperation with Robeco (Netherlands) and on the related sale of a 64% stake in the company to the new partner
- Sale by Kredietbank Luxembourg of Banca KBL Fumagalli Soldan (Italy) to Spanish bank BANIF, a subsidiary of Santander Group
- Acquisition by Evolution Group (UK) of Williams de Broë (UK), a subsidiary of ING Group (Netherlands)
- Corporate Advisor to Charlemagne Capital (UK) prior to its Initial Public Offering
- Sale on behalf of Dexia-BIL of Dexia Private Banking (UK) to Rathbone Brothers plc (UK)
- Sale of Abacus Financial Services Group Limited, Jersey, to Royal Bank of Canada (RBC)
- Sale of Helix Associates Limited, UK, to Jefferies Group, Inc., USA
- Sale on behalf of Dexia-BIL of its French IFA subsidiary Dexia Partenaires France to French insurance group CNP Assurances
- Sale of Seydler AG Wertpapierhandelsbank, Frankfurt/Germany, to Close Brothers Group plc, UK
- Acquisition by Barclays Bank plc of the Wealth Business of ING Securities Bank (France)
- Sale on behalf of Caixa Holding SA, Crédit Andorra SA and Dexia Banque Internationale à Luxembourg SA of their joint subsidiary, Société Monégasque de Banque Privée, Monaco, to BNP Paribas Private Bank (Switzerland) SA
- Acquisition of a majority stake in Charlotte Capital Management by Sanders Morris Harris Group, Houston, Texas
- Acquisition of the Luxembourg private banking business of Oldenburgische Landesbank, a subsidiary of Dresdner Bank, by Landesbank Rheinland-Pfalz International SA, Luxembourg
- Strategic consultant and advisor to Compagnie Bancaire Genève (CBG) which subsequently sold a 67% stake to Société Générale
- Acquisition of Lloyds Bank SA, the French wealth management business of the British bank Lloyds TSB, by UBS AG
- Acquisition of Chicago-based Frye-Louis Capital Management Inc by Credit Suisse
- Acquisition of JO Hambro Investment Management, UK, by Credit Suisse

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