

Press Release

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**MilleniumAssociates AG, Switzerland, appoints Eric Billot as
Senior International Advisor**

MilleniumAssociates AG, the Swiss based independent international M&A Advisory firm to the global financial services industry, announces the appointment of Eric Billot as a Senior International Advisor to the firm. Mr. Billot, a French national and a graduate of the Institut d'Etudes Politiques and of INSEAD, has a prestigious track record in corporate finance and investment banking. He was Head of Corporate Finance at Credit Suisse in France, then a general partner at Banque Arjil, a French merchant bank, and an Equity Partner at PriceWaterhouseCoopers Corporate Finance in France, before setting up his own corporate finance practice in 2004, continuing his successful involvement in major M&A transactions in France and across Europe.

Ray Soudah, a Founder of MilleniumAssociates, said: "I am delighted to welcome Eric Billot who is becoming a Senior International Advisor to the continually expanding Millenium Associates group. He is an experienced, well-connected and respected person in the financial services industry in France and beyond and he will considerably strengthen our firm's coverage and advisor resources for France and complement the combined network and experience of MilleniumAssociates."

Eric Billot stated: "MilleniumAssociates has become the leading Swiss based independent M&A adviser in the wealth, asset management and financial services industry with a prime international reputation and global reach. I very much look forward to working together with this efficient team of highly qualified and motivated professionals and to contributing to the success of its clients".

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Note to Editors

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