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MilleniumAssociates AG:

Specialist Advisory Roles to UBS in acquisition of Lloyds Bank S.A (France) and to Compagnie Bancaire Genève mark third anniversary.

"Our third anniversary has been marked by a significant increase in pipeline M&A activity within the wealth management industry" – Ray Soudah, Founder, MilleniumAssociates

MilleniumAssociates, the Swiss-based global independent M&A advisory firm focusing on the global wealth management industry, confirms that it acted as specialist adviser to UBS, one of the world's leading financial services groups, in its acquisition of Lloyds Bank S.A, the French wealth management subsidiary of British bank Lloyds TSB plc. It also has been acting as a specialist advisor to Compagnie Bancaire Genève which recently announced a strategic structuring with Soc Gen's Swiss private banking subsidiary.

In response to numerous media enquiries, Ray Soudah, founder of MilleniumAssociates, said:

"These high profile transactions were win-win situations for all the parties concerned in transactions conducted in a friendly and private way".

"MilleniumAssociates AG is celebrating its third anniversary since its foundation in May 2000, and we are currently seeing increasing levels of interest in M&A activity within the wealth management sector. There is a good transaction pipeline emerging, not only in Switzerland but in the United States and several major European domestic onshore markets.

"As a totally independent firm, owned and managed by its senior partners, I believe that MilleniumAssociates is uniquely positioned to offer truly independent advice, maximising shareholder value for all its clients."

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Note to Editors

MilleniumAssociates is a Swiss based M&A global advisory firm specialising in Mergers and Acquisitions and strategy consulting with emphasis on private banking, family offices, asset/fund management and other Wealth Management businesses including life insurance.

MilleniumAssociates' fully dedicated team of specialists are involved in numerous active Wealth Management advisory projects with assignments supporting clients with expanding global strategies as well as those seeking to determine their ideal strategic options including partnerships and alliances. The firm recently stated that it intended to donate at least one percent of annual gross profits to charity.

Previous assignments of MilleniumAssociates include the acquisition of **JO Hambro Investment Management** by Credit Suisse and the transaction between Chicago-based **Frye-Louis Capital Management Inc.** and Credit Suisse Private Banking, as well as the acquisition by Robeco of a majority stake in **Boston Partners Asset Management L.P.** where MilleniumAssociates acted as special adviser to Robeco after having brought the parties together in a private transaction.

