

Press Release

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**MilleniumAssociates further strengthens its Global Advisory Board,
naming R. Todd Ruppert as its latest member**

MilleniumAssociates AG, the international M&A and Corporate Finance Advisory firm based in Switzerland and the UK, has appointed R. Todd Ruppert as the latest member of its Global Advisory Board.

Having been with the T. Rowe Price Group for over 27 years before retiring in 2012, Mr. Ruppert has an impressive track record in the global investment industry. During his career, among other responsibilities, he led the firm's institutional business in North America as well as initiating and leading the firm's global institutional and intermediary expansion. He was Board member, President and CEO of T. Rowe Price Global Investment Services for over a decade and Board member and President, Investment Services of T. Rowe Price International.

Mr. Ruppert holds numerous board and advisory roles for organizations in North America, Europe, Asia, and Africa, and has been significantly involved in supporting youth development as US board member and global ambassador for The Duke of Edinburgh's Award.

MilleniumAssociates' founder, Ray Soudah said "We are delighted to welcome Todd Ruppert to our Global Advisory Board. He commands international respect and is an experienced and well-connected person in the global investment industry. His addition will considerably strengthen the firm's capabilities and boost our efforts to expand our global entrepreneurial advisory services.

Mr Ruppert added: "I am delighted to be associated with this truly independent advisory firm with its excellent international reputation and reach, and that has clearly demonstrated its ability to serve international entrepreneurs and business owners regardless of industry sector or geography."

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Note to Editors

After a decade of being the only Swiss based independent M&A advisory firm specialising in mergers and acquisitions and strategy consulting for the financial services industry on a global basis, MilleniumAssociates AG has recently broadened the company's transaction scope to include other industry sectors as well. The company's fully dedicated team of M&A and Corporate Finance specialists are currently involved in numerous advisory assignments, supporting clients with their global expansion or divestment strategies, as well as consulting for organisations seeking to determine their ideal strategic options including partnerships, alliances and IPO plans. The firm normally donates at least one percent of annual gross profits to charity.

Selected previous assignments of MilleniumAssociates in the financial services sector include:

- The acquisition by Union Bancaire Privée SA. of Lloyds Banking Group's International Private Banking business
- The sale of the Swiss brokerage house Helvea Holding SA, Geneva, to Baader Bank, Germany
- The sale, on behalf of Valartis Group AG, of Valartis Bonus Card AG to Cornèr Bank Ltd.
- The sale of P&P Private Bank, Zurich, to Sallfort AG, Basel
- The acquisition by The Evolution Plc. of BNP Paribas Private Investment Management Ltd.
- The acquisition of Banque Franck Galland Cie SA by Banque Piguet & Cie SA, acting together with its parent BCV (Banque Cantonale Vaudoise)
- The sale by KBC of KBC Asset Management Ltd (Dublin) to RHJ International
- The sale by KBC of KBC Asset Management (UK) Ltd via a management buy out
- The sale of the business of BNP Paribas Wealth Management in Panama, Grand Cayman and The Bahamas to Scotiabank
- The sale by Basellandschaftliche Kantonbank of its subsidiary AAM Privatbank AG to Basler Kantonbank
- The sale by Basellandschaftliche Kantonbank and Basler Kantonbank of their majority stake in Sourcag AG to Swisscom
- The sale by Fortune Wealth Management Group of Dr. Höller Asset Management to Hauck & Aufhäuser Privatbankiers
- The sale of Banque de Patrimoines Privés, Geneva to Norinvest Holding SA

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