

Press Release

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**MilleniumAssociates further strengthens its Global Advisory Board,
naming Michael Lagopoulos as its latest member**

MilleniumAssociates AG, the Swiss and UK based independent international M&A and Corporate Finance Advisory firm that has a particular focus on the global financial services industry, has appointed Michael Lagopoulos as the latest member of its Global Advisory Board.

Mr Lagopoulos is a Chartered Accountant by profession and has enjoyed a long and distinguished career in the Private Banking and Wealth Management industry. He has lived and worked in North America, Caribbean and the United Kingdom but has extensive experience beyond that including Latin America, Continental Europe, the Middle East and Asia. He was President & CEO of Royal Bank of Canada International Wealth Management for 15 years and during the final two years of his career with RBC was Deputy Chairman of RBC Wealth Management. He retired from RBC in December 2012.

Ray Soudah, founder of MilleniumAssociates said, "We are delighted to welcome Michael Lagopoulos to our Global Advisory Board, he is a senior and well qualified financial executive with strong international experience and his addition will strengthen the firm's capabilities and boost our global efforts to expand our advisory services".

Expressing his response to this appointment, Mr Lagopoulos stated: "I am delighted to be joining MilleniumAssociates' Global Advisory board, the company has an excellent reputation as a leading independent M&A adviser to the wealth, asset management and financial services industry and I look forward to working with them and contributing to the success of their clients.

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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 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 Kantonalbank of its subsidiary AAM Privatbank AG to Basler Kantonalbank
- The sale by Basellandschaftliche Kantonalbank and Basler Kantonalbank 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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