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MilleniumAssociates AG, the independent international M&A and Corporate Finance Advisory firm based in Switzerland and the UK has appointed Mr Alain Meyers and Anthony J Smouha as the latest members of its Global Advisory Board.

Mr. Meyers has a long and accomplished career in the financial services industry across Europe, the USA, Asia, Russia and the CIS countries. Having started his career at JP Morgan he moved to Clearstream Banking, the clearing and settlement organisation which is now a division of Deutsche Börse. During his 25 years at Clearstream Mr Meyers established their Tokyo office and developed their business in Northern, Central and Eastern Europe as well as Russia and the CIS countries. Since leaving Clearstream in 2010, Mr Meyers has acted as an independent consultant including serving as advisor to the Chairman of the Executive Board of National Settlement Depository (NSD), part of the Micex-RTS Group in Moscow, where he co-ordinates their recently established International Consulting Committee (ICC).

Mr Smouha is Chief Executive Officer of the bond portfolio specialists ATLANTICOMNIUM SA as well as being an adviser to the range of GAM Star Credit Opportunities funds. Prior to joining ATLANTICOMNIUM in 1992, Mr Smouha was Senior Vice President, Head of Bond Trading and Sales at Soditic SA/SG Warburg Soditic SA, Geneva. Prior to this, he was at Credit Suisse First Boston in London.

Ray Soudah, a founder of MilleniumAssociates said, "I am delighted to welcome Alain Meyers and Anthony Smouha to MilleniumAssociates, their expertise and a high level of experience across Europe will considerably strengthen our firm's coverage and advisor resources and complement the combined network and experience of MilleniumAssociates. We also express our deepest thanks to Mr Richard Smouha who is retiring from our Global Advisory Board and is being replaced by Anthony Smouha."

Mr Smouha said "MilleniumAssociates is known in financial services industry for its independence and exceptional M&A professionalism and is an organisation that ATLANTICOMNIUM is proud to have supported over the years, I am pleased to cement this relationship by joining their Global Advisory Board"

Mr Meyers added: "MilleniumAssociates has an excellent reputation as a leading independent M&A adviser to the wealth, asset management and financial services industry. With their exceptional experience and global reach, I look forward to working with them and contributing to the success of their clients."

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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 include:

- 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
- The acquisition by The Evolution Plc. of BNP Paribas Private Investment Management Ltd.
- The acquisition by Banque Piguet & Cie SA, together with its parent BCV, of Banque Franck Galland Cie SA
- 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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