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VT Wealth Management AG to come under independent ownership

The Executive Board of VT Wealth Management AG is to acquire the 51% equity stake held by the Vontobel Group in the independent wealth management company serving Swiss and international private clients on 31 March 2011. The company, which was established in 2008, will continue to be run by its existing management team.

"We are bundling our strengths and intensifying our focus on markets in which there is an explicit demand for our integrated business model. At the same time – as part of our commitment to good corporate governance – we are striving to create a Group structure with clear controlling interests," stated Roger Studer, Head of Investment Banking at the Vontobel Group, as he explained the sale of the equity stake.

"The management buyout will provide us with the freedom and independence that is sought and valued by clients," stated Thomas Fedier, CEO of VT Wealth Management AG. "Our clients will continue to benefit from the high level of advisory expertise that is one of our hallmarks and we will continue to work with the Vontobel Group at an operational level," added Fedier.

Vontobel Group

The Vontobel Group is an internationally-oriented Swiss private bank. The family-owned bank was first established in Zurich in 1924. Vontobel specializes in wealth management for private clients and asset management for institutional investors, as well as in investment banking. As of 31 December 2010, the Group held CHF 119 bn of assets. Around 1,400 employees worldwide provide first-rate, customized services for clients with an international focus. The registered shares of Vontobel Holding AG are listed on the SIX Swiss Exchange. The Vontobel families and the Vontobel Foundation hold the majority of shares and votes in the company.

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VT Wealth Management AG

VT Wealth Management AG is an independent wealth management company that is headquartered in Zurich. It serves the needs of Swiss and international private clients in the areas of asset management, investment advisory and wealth consolidation, as well as offering family office services. VT Wealth Management AG was established in 2008 and is one of Switzerland's medium-sized wealth managers. With effect from 31 March 2011, the company will be 100% owned by its management.

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