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Affentranger Associates SA under new leadership

Geneva, October 3rd, 2011. Affentranger Associates, a business platform focused on the theme of value creation, has promoted Lukas André to its Managing Partner; he has taken on the operational leadership as of October 1st.

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Lukas André has been with Affentranger Associates for almost 3 years. His experience both as entrepreneur and in finance has been a driving force in the value creation process of the business platform. His deep knowledge of the portfolio companies will not only assure continuity in the business philosophy of Affentranger Associates SA, but also contribute to its further positive development. "His engagement for the portfolio companies combined with his sharp mind and business acumen are going to be the drivers of the development of our company. I'm excited about new strategic opportunities." says Anton Affentranger, Senior Partner and Founder of Affentranger Associates.

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Anton Affentranger has stepped down from the operational responsibilities at Affentranger Associates as of September 30th. Both, Anton Affentranger and Nicolas Fulpius stay committed to the company and will continue to secure Board responsibilities and their respective governance roles in the portfolio companies. As of October 1st, Anton Affentranger has assumed the role of CEO of the Implenia Group.

The financial industry is changing rapidly. New business models are required. It is the intention of Affentranger Associates to actively participate in the restructuring of the industry, to broaden the development of its business platform while continuing to actively participate in the value creation process of its portfolio companies. Lukas André will enforce the team by adding new professional resources and move the center of activities to Zurich.

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About Affentranger Associates SA

Incorporated in 2002, Affentranger Associates SA (aasa) is a business platform focused on the theme of value creation. As principal investor, aasa has the ambition to achieve sustainable long-term returns by investing a combination of labor and capital in companies which are in a transition phase.

aasa's current portfolio contains five active investments with a total syndicated invested capital (equity) of CHF 75 million, representing a consolidated sales volume of over CHF 120 million and approx. 900 employees. In addition, aasa is also part of the investor group in Mikron SA.