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Le 11 août 2011

## **HARBOURVEST ANNONCE LE RESULTAT INTERMEDIAIRE PRELIMINAIRE DE L'OFFRE PUBLIQUE D'ACQUISITION SUR ABSOLUTE**

- **39'409'765 actions présentées à l'acceptation, correspondant à un taux de succès de 90.425 % et à un taux de participation de 90.750 %**
- **Il est prévu que le délai supplémentaire d'acceptation commence à courir le 17 août 2011 et se termine le 30 août 2011**

A la fin de la durée initiale de l'offre, le 10 août 2011, 16h00 HAEC (la "Durée Initiale de l'Offre"), un total de 39'409'765 actions d'Absolute Private Equity SA, Zoug ("Absolute") ont été présentées à l'acceptation de l'offre de HarbourVest Acquisition S.à.r.l. ("HarbourVest Acquisition") sous l'offre publique d'acquisition publiée le 7 juin 2011 (l'"Offre HarbourVest") portant sur toutes les actions au porteur d'Absolute en mains du public, chacune ayant une valeur nominale de CHF 10 (chacune, une "Action Absolute").

Le nombre des acceptations correspond à 90.425 % des Actions Absolute sur lesquelles porte l'Offre HarbourVest (taux de succès). En incluant les 1'530'000 Actions Absolute détenues par Absolute, la participation de HarbourVest Acquisition correspond à 90.750% de toutes les Actions Absolute et droits de vote émis jusqu'à la fin de la Durée Initiale de l'Offre (taux de participation).

### **L'Offre HarbourVest**

L'Offre HarbourVest faite conformément aux articles 22 ss de la Loi fédérale sur les bourses et le commerce des valeurs mobilières et portant sur toutes les actions au porteur d'Absolute fut annoncée préalablement le 26 avril 2011 (l'"Annonce Préalable") et publiée le 7 juin 2011. L'Offre HarbourVest fut modifiée et/ou la Durée Initiale de l'Offre fut prolongée les 14 juillet, 19 juillet, 28 juillet et 5 août 2011 (les "Modifications/Prolongations").

Le prospectus de l'Offre HarbourVest du 7 juin 2011 (le "Prospectus d'Offre") et les Modifications/Prolongations peuvent être obtenus (en langue française, allemande et anglaise) auprès de Bank Vontobel AG, Corporate Finance, Gotthardstrasse 43, 8022 Zurich, Suisse (Tel. +41 (0)58 283 70 03, Fax +41 (0)58 283 70 75, E-Mail: prospectus@vontobel.ch). Le Prospectus d'Offre et les Modifications/Prolongations, ainsi que d'autres informations concernant l'Offre HarbourVest sont aussi disponibles sur [www.hvgpe.com/absolutetender](http://www.hvgpe.com/absolutetender).

Selon le chiffre 2.2 du Prospectus d'Offre, l'Offre HarbourVest porte sur 43'582'605 Actions Absolute. A la fin de la Durée Initiale de l'Offre 45'112'605 Actions Absolute sont émises.

### Résultat Intermédiaire Préliminaire

A la fin de la Durée Initiale de l'Offre, le 10 août 2011, 16h00 HAEC, le résultat intermédiaire préliminaire se présente comme suit:

	<b>Nombre d'Actions Absolute</b>	<b>Droits de vote</b> (exercable ou non)	<b>Taux de succès</b>
Actions détenues par Absolute à la date de l'Annonce Pré-alable *	1'530'000	3.39%	n.c.
Actions présentées à l'acceptation de l'Offre HarbourVest	39'409'765	87.359%	90.425%
Résultat intermédiaire	40'939'765	90.750%	n.c.

\* Absolute est considérée comme personne agissant de concert avec HarbourVest Acquisition depuis le 25 avril 2011, date à laquelle HarbourVest Acquisition S.à r.l., Luxembourg et Absolute ont conclu l'accord transactionnel en relation avec l'Offre HarbourVest.

### Publication du résultat intermédiaire définitif / Annonce concernant la satisfaction des conditions de l'Offre HarbourVest

Ce résultat intermédiaire est préliminaire.

Le résultat intermédiaire définitif ainsi que des informations supplémentaires, y compris des informations concernant la satisfaction des conditions de l'Offre HarbourVest stipulées au chiffre 2.8 du Prospectus d'Offre et l'aboutissement de l'Offre HarbourVest, seront publiés dans les médias imprimés le 16 août 2011.

### Restrictions à l'Offre

Les restrictions à l'offre stipulées dans le Prospectus d'Offre demeurent entièrement applicables.

### Délai Supplémentaire d'Acceptation

Il est prévu que le délai supplémentaire d'acceptation de 10 jours de bourse pour une acceptation ultérieure de l'Offre HarbourVest commence à courir le 17 août 2011 et se termine le 30 août 2011, 16h00 HAEC.

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