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Le 16 août 2011

**ANNONCE DU RESULTAT INTERMEDIAIRE DEFINITIF DE L'OFFRE
PUBLIQUE D'ACQUISITION DE HARBOURVEST SUR ABSOLUTE**

- **39,4 MILLIONS D'ACTIONS PRESENTEES A L'ACCEPTATION, CORRESPONDANT A PLUS DE 90% DES ACTIONS ABSOLUTE**
- **LE DELAI SUPPLEMENTAIRE D'ACCEPTATION COMMENCERA A COURIR LE 17 AOÛT ET SE TERMINERA LE 30 AOÛT**

HarbourVest Partners, LLC ("HarbourVest"), HarbourVest Global Private Equity Limited ("HVPE") et le conseil d'administration d'Absolute Private Equity SA ("Absolute" et le "conseil d'Absolute") ont le plaisir d'annoncer qu'un total de 39'409'765 d'Actions Absolute a été présenté à l'acceptation de HarbourVest Acquisition GmbH ("HarbourVest Acquisition") dans le cadre de 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. En tenant compte de la réduction de capital de CHF 15'300'000 par destruction des 1'530'000 Actions Absolute détenues par Absolute, décidée lors de l'assemblée générale d'Absolute du 26 mai 2011 et entretemps achevée, le nombre des acceptations s'élève à 90.425% de toutes les Actions Absolute et droits de vote émis à la date du présent communiqué.

John Tommey, managing director de HarbourVest, observe à cet égard: "Nous sommes ravis de ce résultat et croyons que le nombre élevé d'acceptations par les actionnaires d'Absolute reflète la juste valeur de notre offre. La présente transaction démontre à nouveau l'expertise du Secondary Team de HarbourVest à offrir des transactions uniques créant des sources novatrices de liquidité pour les investisseurs dans le private equity."

Le délai supplémentaire d'acceptation commencera courir le 17 août 2011 et se terminera le 30 août 2011, 16h00 HAEC. Les actionnaires d'Absolute souhaitant présenter leurs actions à l'acceptation (et ne l'ayant pas encore formellement fait) dans le cadre de l'Offre

HarbourVest sont priés d'agir dès que possible. Le prospectus d'offre ainsi que les documents y relatifs peuvent être obtenus sous www.hvgpe.com/absolutetender.

Il est important de relever que le 15 août 2011, la Commission suisse des offres publiques d'acquisition (la "Commission des OPA") a décidé, sur requête de ACP Acquisition S.à.r.l., que cette dernière a le droit de retirer son offre publique partielle portant sur 20% des Actions Absolute (l'"Offre ACP"). Un tel retrait est soumis à la condition de l'exécution de l'Offre HarbourVest. HarbourVest et le conseil d'Absolute ainsi que la Commission des OPA (voir chiffre 4 de la décision du 15 août 2011) sont il est vrai très confiants que les conditions restantes de l'Offre HarbourVest seront remplies et que l'Offre HarbourVest sera exécutée au plus tard le 13 septembre 2011. La conséquence en serait que les actionnaires d'Absolute n'ayant pas encore présenté leurs actions dans le cadre de l'Offre HarbourVest n'auraient alors plus la possibilité d'offrir leurs actions dans le cadre de l'Offre ACP.

Après l'exécution de l'Offre HarbourVest, HarbourVest Acquisition prévoit que le conseil d'Absolute sera composé de trois membres, dont l'un sera Thomas Amstutz et dont les deux autres, y compris le président du conseil d'administration, seront nommés par le groupe de sociétés géré et contrôlé en dernier ressort par HarbourVest. En plus, au vu du taux d'acceptation actuel, HarbourVest a l'intention d'exclure (*squeeze-out*) tout actionnaire minoritaire restant afin de pouvoir diriger Absolute en tant que société privée.

Il est prévu que la transaction soit terminée en septembre 2011. HarbourVest est conseillée par Debevoise & Plimpton LLP et Pestalozzi Attorneys at Law Ltd.

HarbourVest Acquisition est un *Special Purpose Vehicle* incluant en particulier le *secondary fund* de HarbourVest, Dover Street VII L.P., et HVPE.

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