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BEKANNTGABE DES DEFINITIVEN ENDRESULTATS DES ÖFFENTLICHEN KAUFANGEBOTS VON HARBOURVEST FÜR ABSOLUTE

- **43.0 MILLIONEN ANGEDIENTE AKTIEN, ENTSPRECHEND MEHR ALS 98% DER ABSOLUTE AKTIEN**
- **VOLLZUG WIRD FÜR DEN 13. SEPTEMBER 2011 ERWARTET**

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John Toomey, Managing Director von HarbourVest, sagte dazu: "Wir sind erfreut über dieses Ergebnis. Wir glauben, dass die hohe Annahmequote durch die Absolute Aktionäre den angemessenen Wert unseres Angebots widerspiegelt. Die hohe Annahmequote ermöglicht es uns, Absolute entsprechend unserer erklärten Absicht von der Börse zu nehmen."

Mit Blick auf die Andienungsquote plant HarbourVest Absolute zu dekotieren und als private Gesellschaft zu führen.

Nach Vollzug des HarbourVest Angebots beabsichtigt HarbourVest Acquisition den Absolute Verwaltungsrat aus drei Mitgliedern zusammenzusetzen, von denen eines Thomas Amstutz sein soll und die zwei anderen, einschliesslich des Präsidenten des Absolute Verwaltungsrates, durch die HarbourVest Gruppe bestimmt werden sollen. John Toomey und Fred Maynard, beide von HarbourVest, wurden für die Wahl als Verwaltungsräte an

der ausserordentlichen Generalversammlung von Absolute am 22. September 2011 vorgeschlagen.

Der Vollzug des HarbourVest Angebots wird voraussichtlich am 13. September 2011 stattfinden. HarbourVest wird durch Bank Vontobel AG, Debevoise & Plimpton LLP sowie Pestalozzi Rechtsanwälte AG beraten.

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