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Le 5 septembre 2011

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

- **43.0 MILLIONS D' ACTIONS PRESENTEES A L'ACCEPTATION, CORRESPONDANT A PLUS DE 98% DES ACTIONS ABSOLUTE**
- **EXECUTION PREVUE LE 13 SEPTEMBRE 2011**

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 43'005'846 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, chacune ayant une valeur nominale de CHF 10 (chacune, une "Action Absolute"). Le nombre des acceptations s'élève à 98.68% de toutes les Actions Absolute et droits de vote émis à la date du présent communiqué.

John Toomey, 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. Ce haut niveau d'acceptation va nous permettre de suivre notre intention de privatiser Absolute."

Au vu du taux d'acceptation actuel, HarbourVest a l'intention de décoter Absolute et de diriger Absolute en tant que société privée.

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'Absolute, seront nommés par le groupe de sociétés géré et contrôlé en dernier ressort par HarbourVest. John Toomey et Fred Maynard, tous deux de HarbourVest, ont été proposés à l'élection en tant que membres du conseil lors de l'assemblée générale extraordinaire d'Absolute le 22 septembre 2011.

L'exécution de l'Offre HarbourVest est attendue au 13 septembre 2011. HarbourVest est conseillée par Bank Vontobel AG, Debevoise & Plimpton LLP and Pestalozzi Attorneys at Law Ltd.

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