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**BEKANNTGABE DES DEFINITIVEN ZWISCHENRESULTATS DES
ÖFFENTLICHEN KAUFANGEBOTES VON HARBOURVEST FÜR ABSOLUTE**

- **39,4 MILLIONEN ANGEDIENTE AKTIEN, ENTSPRECHEND MEHR ALS 90% DER ABSOLUTE AKTIEN**
- **DIE NACHFRIST LÄUFT VOM 17. AUGUST BIS ZUM 30. AUGUST**

HarbourVest Partners, LLC ("HarbourVest"), HarbourVest Global Private Equity Limited ("HVPE") und der Verwaltungsrat von Absolute Private Equity AG ("Absolute" und der "Absolute Verwaltungsrat") freuen sich bekannt zu geben, dass insgesamt 39'409'765 Aktien der Absolute HarbourVest Acquisition GmbH ("HarbourVest Acquisition") unter dem öffentlichen Kaufangebot vom 7. Juni 2011 für alle im Publikum gehaltenen Inhaberaktien von Absolute (das "HarbourVest Angebot") angedient wurden. Unter Berücksichtigung der Kapitalherabsetzung um CHF 15'300'000 durch die Vernichtung der 1'530'000 von Absolute gehaltenen Absolute Aktien, welche an der Absolute Generalversammlung vom 26. Mai 2011 beschlossen worden war und mittlerweile durchgeführt wurde, belaufen sich die Andienungen auf 90.425% aller per Datum dieser Medienmitteilung ausgegeben und ausstehenden Absolute Aktien bzw. Stimmrechte.

John Toomey, Managing Director von HarbourVest, sagte dazu: "Wir sind hoch erfreut über dieses Ergebnis. Wir glauben, dass die hohe Annahmequote durch die Absolute Aktionäre den angemessenen Wert unseres Angebots widerspiegelt. Das Secondary Team von HarbourVest ist darauf spezialisiert, kreative Liquiditätsquellen für Private Equity Investoren anzubieten. Diese Transaktion ist ein gutes Beispiel dafür."

Die Nachfrist wird vom 17. August 2011 bis zum 30. August 2011, 16 Uhr MESZ, laufen. Absolute Aktionäre, welches das HarbourVest Angebot annehmen wollen (und dies noch nicht formell angenommen haben) werden aufgefordert, so rasch als möglich tätig zu

werden. Der Angebotsprospekt und damit verbundene Dokumente sind verfügbar unter www.hvgpe.com/absolutetender.

Von Bedeutung ist, dass die Schweizerische Übernahmekommission (die "UEK") am 15. August 2011 eine Verfügung erlies, wonach ACP Acquisition GmbH das öffentliche Teilangebot auf 20% der Absolute Aktien ("ACP Angebot") zurückziehen darf. Ein solcher Rückzug steht unter der Bedingung, dass das HarbourVest Angebot vollzogen wird. HarbourVest und der Absolute Verwaltungsrat sowie die UEK (vgl. Randziffer 4 der Verfügung vom 15. August 2011) sind allerdings sehr zuversichtlich, dass die verbleibenden Bedingungen erfüllt werden und der Vollzug des HarbourVest Angebots spätestens am 13. September 2011 erfolgen kann. Als Folge davon würde den Absolute Aktionären, welche ihre Absolute Aktien noch nicht angedient haben, die Möglichkeit der Andienung in das ACP Angebot nicht länger zur Verfügung stehen.

Nach Vollzug des HarbourVest Angebots beabsichtigt HarbourVest den Absolute Verwaltungsrat aus drei Mitgliedern zusammenzusetzen, von denen eines Thomas Amstutz sein soll und die zwei anderen, einschliesslich des Verwaltungsratspräsidenten, durch die HarbourVest Gruppe bestimmt werden sollen. Mit Blick auf die Andienungsquote plant HarbourVest den Ausschluss verbleibender Minderheitsaktionäre, um Absolute als private Gesellschaft führen zu können.

Die Transaktion wird voraussichtlich im September 2011 abgeschlossen werden. HarbourVest wird durch Debevoise & Plimpton LLP sowie Pestalozzi Rechtsanwälte AG beraten.

HarbourVest Acquisition ist ein "Special Purpose Vehicle" an welchem HarbourVests *secondary fund*, Dover Street VII L.P. und HVPE partizipieren.

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