



- **Altira strengthens its private markets business area**
- **Creation of a specialist team for tech buyouts**
- **The first fund has already been launched**

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As a part of the strategic development of its private markets business area, Altira AG has acquired a 51% interest in the Luxembourg-based CAESAR Special Opportunities Management S.á r.l. The first jointly launched fund, which will acquire majority interests in established, small to medium-sized technology companies, will have initial capital (seed money) of EUR 10 million. Altira AG is investing EUR 5 million of this amount in the fund, and the remaining shares will be held by management and financial investors. The fund's capital will be increased gradually after the initial investments have been made.

CAESAR Special Opportunities Management S.á r.l. has a very experienced management team consisting of Axel Haas and Udo Zimmer, who have worked together extensively. For more than ten years, they founded, grew and managed AUGUSTA Technologie AG, a technology group listed on Deutsche Börse's Prime Standard segment that is one of the most successful holding companies focussing on small to medium-sized technology-oriented companies. During this period, Axel Haas and Udo Zimmer also had great success in performing extensive operational and financial restructurings, thereby providing impressive proof of their entrepreneurial small to medium-sized company approach. The management team can also call on a strong, highly comprehensive network including, for example, Management Team AG, a Munich-based company that has successfully performed more than 50 restructurings of small to medium-sized companies in past years.

In the future, CAESAR will also be acquiring majority interests in small to medium-sized technology companies that are in special situations such as restructuring, reorganization or an unresolved successor situation, or show unutilised earnings potential. The first investment opportunities are already being examined.

The planned membership of the supervisory board reflects the company's positioning in the German small to medium-sized company sector and covers the full range of entrepreneurial capabilities. In addition to Andreas Lange, Chief Investment Officer of Altira AG, the supervisory board will also include Prof. Dr. Alexander Kolb, Chief Investment Officer of a large private asset management company, and Prof. Dr. Axel Schmidt, member of the Board of Management of the Institut für Mittelstandsökonomie [Economic Institute for Small and Medium-Sized Companies] at the University of Trier.

Peter Brumm, CEO of Altira AG, is pleased with the situation: "I believe that Mr. Haas and Mr. Zimmer, a highly competent, experienced management team with a good market network, will be a good addition to our key private markets business area. The team will have an excellent opportunity to develop under the umbrella of Altira AG's asset management area, which allows it to access institutional resources while maintaining its independence in pursuing its future business. I am certain that the team will be able to generate above-average returns, which should have a significant influence on Altira's results over the medium-term."

### **About ALTIRA**

Altira is a diversified asset management group with a number of independently operating subsidiaries active in the private markets, public markets and real estate investment classes.

Based upon the concept of "teaming up with the best", Altira either develops internal specialist teams or works together with specialised outside asset managers. Altira sees itself as a growth platform that provides these different asset management models with access to its network, infrastructure, management expertise and capital resources, while allowing each to retain its own individual identity. In return, Altira

is able to achieve broad diversification over a variety of asset classes and customer groups, along with the highly stable corporate earnings that this brings.

Products launched by Altira are characterized by a focus on inefficient and/or strongly changing markets, active management (high alpha), and a high level of entrepreneurial investment of funds by management.

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