

PRESS RELEASE

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- **Fundraising in “German Mittelstand & Restructuring” so far at over EUR 66 million despite difficult market environment in 2009**
 - **David Zimmer joins Management Board as head of finance**
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Altira Aktiengesellschaft (“Altira Group“) can point to significant successes in fundraising even in the current challenging market environment for private equity. CLEARLIGHT Investments AG which belongs to the Altira Group wound up the successful interim closing of its private equity restructuring fund at over EUR 66 million. The fund is targeting EUR 80 million by the end of the year. The hard close will be at EUR 100 million. After an investment phase of two to three years, CLEARLIGHT Investments AG expects a performance fee in the lower single-digit million range alone from this product line starting in the third year.

To make sustainable use of current opportunities for business in the asset management market, the Management Board of Altira AG is being expanded to include David Zimmer (39).

As Chief Financial Officer (CFO) Zimmer will be responsible for Finance, Legal Matters, Personnel and Risk Management and together with Andreas Lange he will provide support for the Altira Group’s investment team. He succeeds Peter Brumm as CFO who now, together with his Management Board colleague Christian Angermayer, can focus on project-related business development issues. The new arrangement will make it possible to channel the dynamic development of recent years even better.

David Zimmer’s last position was that of Senior Investment Manager with Waterland Private Equity Investments B.V., Düsseldorf, and before that he was employed by T-Mobile International in strategy development.

Michael Rieder, CEO of Altira: “We are very pleased to welcome David Zimmer to the Management Board team. With his many years of experience in private equity and in the sustained development of companies with strong growth potential, he will be an ideal supplement to the Management Board of the Altira Group and our investment team.“

About Altira Group

The Altira Group is an owner-managed, listed asset management company that focuses on alternative investment strategies for institutional and private investors.

The Altira Group focuses on both established and newly developing future-oriented growth markets. The specialised knowledge, many years of experience and entrepreneurial thinking and action of the Altira Group's investment teams allows them to apply an active investment approach ("high alpha strategies") to achieve sustainable above-average returns in these markets.