



- **Michael Hallacker joins the Board of Management of Altira AG as the member responsible for “Sales and Sales Support”**
- **Hallacker will continue to hold his position as Chairman of the Board of Management of the Altira subsidiary VCH Investment Group AG**

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A new member has joined the Board of Management of Altira AG. Michael Hallacker (48) was appointed to the Board of Management, effectively immediately.

Altira’s decision to appoint Mr. Hallacker adds a highly regarded and experienced manager from the investment fund industry to the previous three members of the Board of Management. His professional career began in 1987 at DIT Deutsche Investment Trust in Frankfurt. In 1994, Mr. Hallacker moved to a position as of head of fund management at ADIG – Allgemeine Deutsche Investmentgesellschaft mbH. In 1998, he became Managing Director of Deka Deutsche Kapitalanlagegesellschaft mbH, followed by the same position in Deka Investment, the new company formed from the merger of the special and mutual funds businesses. Michael Hallacker has been Chairman of the Board of Management of the Altira subsidiary VCH Investment Group AG since 2005.

Michael Hallacker will join the Board of Management as the member responsible for sales and sales support. One of his main objectives is to integrate the separate sales organisations currently existing in Altira AG’s subsidiaries to significantly strengthen Altira AG’s selling power. A significant expansion of the sales team is also planned for this purpose. Michael Hallacker will continue to hold his parallel position as the head of VCH Investment Group.

Michael Hallacker is looking forward to his new responsibilities: “Many of the financial products of Altira subsidiaries, such as VCH Expert Natural Resources or Themis Equity Partners, have developed very successfully in recent years, and have built up an impressive track record. We can now use this as a basis for significantly expanding existing customer groups and winning new investors.”

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