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**HARBOURVEST ACQUISITION GMBH
AUGMENTE A \$ 18.50 LE PRIX DE L'OFFRE SUR TOUTES LES ACTIONS AU
PORTEUR DE ABSOLUTE PRIVATE EQUITY SA**

- **LE PRIX AUGMENTE DE L'OFFRE EST DE \$18.50 PAR ACTION ABSOLUTE, CE QUI CORRESPOND A UNE EVALUATION DE ABSOLUTE A \$806 MILLIONS**
- **L'OFFRE EST ENTIEREMENT COUVERTE ET A LA DISPOSITION DE TOUS LES ACTIONNAIRES**
- **LA DUREE INITIALE DE L'OFFRE EST PROLONGEE AU 21 JUILLET 2011**
- **LE CONSEIL D'ADMINISTRATION D'ABSOLUTE RECOMMANDE AUX ACTIONNAIRES D'ABSOLUTE D'ACCEPTER L'OFFRE**

HarbourVest Partners, LLC ("HarbourVest"), un gérant de fonds indépendant de premier plan dans le domaine du private equity et HarbourVest Global Private Equity Limited ("HVPE"), une société d'investissement fermée, annoncent une augmentation du prix de l'offre relative à l'offre publique d'acquisition (l'"Offre") de HarbourVest Acquisition GmbH ("HarbourVest Acquisition") portant sur toutes les actions au porteur de Absolute Private Equity, SA ("Absolute") en mains du public. Absolute est une société d'investissement cotée au SIX Swiss Exchange ("SIX") ayant son siège à Zug, Suisse. HarbourVest Acquisition est un *special purpose vehicle* qui sera détenu par des *secondary funds* gérés par HarbourVest ensemble avec HVPE.

Le prix de l'Offre est augmenté de \$17.25 à \$18.50 en espèces par action Absolute (le "Prix de l'Offre"). Le Prix de l'Offre augmenté correspond à une prime

d'approximativement 7.2% par rapport au prix de clôture de \$17.25 des actions Absolute le 13 juillet 2011. Le conseil d'administration d'Absolute (le "Conseil") continue de soutenir l'Offre et recommande aux actionnaires d'Absolute d'accepter l'Offre à ce prix augmenté attractif.

"L'augmentation du Prix de l'Offre de \$17.25 à \$18.50 procure à tous les actionnaires d'Absolute un prix en espèces très attractif qui est plus élevé que le prix auquel les actions ont été négociées pendant ces trois dernières années environ. Nous poursuivons nos efforts avec Absolute en vue de soumettre une offre dont bénéficient tous les actionnaires et nos fonds et nous sommes confiants que le Prix de l'Offre rencontrera selon toute vraisemblance un taux d'acceptation élevé," relève John Toomey, Managing Director de HarbourVest.

Suite à l'émission de l'Offre modifiée, la durée initiale de l'offre sera prolongée d'un jour et se terminera donc le 21 juillet 2011. Les déclarations d'acceptation de l'Offre devraient parvenir au plus tard le 21 juillet 2011 à 16h00 HAEC.

L'Offre demeure conditionnée par un taux d'acceptation minimum de 50.01% et par d'autres conditions usuelles. A un taux d'acceptation de 100%, cela correspond à une évaluation d'Absolute à \$806 millions. Comme indiqué dans le prospectus et dans la modification du prospectus, une entité de contrôle indépendante a confirmé que les fonds requis seront mis à disposition par HarbourVest Acquisition.

HarbourVest souhaite rappeler aux actionnaires que le volume de transactions sur le marché des actions Absolute a été relativement faible durant la période précédent l'annonce préalable de l'Offre. C'est dire que les actionnaires pourraient avoir une opportunité réduite de vendre leurs actions une fois que l'Offre est close et, si cette dernière n'a pas abouti, il y a un risque que le cours de l'action Absolute tombe du fait du volume significativement réduit de transactions et que la baisse par rapport au NAV pourrait atteindre les niveaux du passé.

La modification du prospectus peut être obtenue sous www.hvgpe.com/absolutetender.

Informations additionnelles concernant l'Offre

L'objectif final de HarbourVest est de s'assurer du contrôle sur Absolute avec l'intention de poursuivre en un premier temps la stratégie de réalisation progressive des investissements existants, qui a été initiée par le conseil d'administration d'Absolute à la fin de 2008, quand ce dernier décida de ne plus contracter de nouveaux engagements financiers portant sur des investissements de private equity. En fonction du résultat définitif de l'Offre et de questions liées à la régulation, HarbourVest Acquisition entend gérer Absolute comme une entité détenue en mains privées. Après l'exécution de l'Offre, HarbourVest Acquisition prévoit que le conseil d'administration de Absolute soit composé de trois membres, dont l'un sera Thomas Amstutz et dont les deux autres, y compris le président du conseil

d'administration, seront nommés par le groupe de sociétés géré et contrôlé en dernier ressort par HarbourVest.

Il est prévu que la transaction soit terminée au cours du troisième trimestre de 2011. HarbourVest est conseillé par Debevoise & Plimpton LLP et Pestalozzi Attorneys at Law Ltd.

Calendrier indicatif

21 juillet 2011, 16h00 HAEC	Echéance de la Durée Initiale de l'Offre*
22 juillet 2011	Publication du Résultat Intermédiaire Préliminaire de l'Offre (dans les médias électroniques)*
27 juillet 2011	Publication du Résultat Intermédiaire Définitif de l'Offre (dans les médias électroniques)*
28 juillet 2011	Début du Délai Supplémentaire d'Acceptation*
11 août 2011, 16h00 HAEC	Echéance du Délai Supplémentaire d'Acceptation*
12 août 2011	Publication du Résultat Final Provisoire (dans les médias électroniques)*
17 août 2011	Publication du Résultat Final Définitif (dans les médias électroniques)*
25 août 2011	Dernière date pour le Terme d'Exécution*

* En cas de prolongation de la Durée Initiale de l'Offre, le calendrier indicatif sera adapté en conséquence.

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