

Christian Reitberger Joins Wellington Partners' CleanTech Team

Munich, Germany, October 29, 2008. Today, Christian Reitberger, former Partner at Apax Partners joins leading pan-European venture capital firm Wellington Partners (www.wellington-partners.com) as Venture Partner. Christian will support the Wellington team in evaluating cleantech and other growth investment opportunities, in addition to providing strategic and operational support to existing portfolio companies.

Wellington Partners' General Partner Bart Markus explains: "We started investing in cleantech in 2002 and believe that there are significant opportunities in the current environment to grow our portfolio. With his vast experience in this field, Christian will help us to take advantage of these opportunities and to support global cleantech leaders of tomorrow."

Christian is joining Wellington Partners after a nine-year career at Apax Partners, where he was a Partner in the Tech & Telecom group, leading venture, growth and buyout transactions. He focused on semiconductor, mechatronics, photonics and internet infrastructure investments, and more recently spent a significant part of his time on cleantech opportunities such as Q-Cells (now a listed company with revenues of more than €1 billion per year). He is an active business angel investor and has invested in two high-profile cleantech companies.

Christian Reitberger says: "I have worked with many of the Wellington Partners since 2000. They have consistently impressed me with their domain expertise and their ambition to build the leading pan-European venture company. I have witnessed them succeed in establishing a European footprint, a great network in the US and an impressive roster of Venture Partners augmenting the core team. "

About Wellington Partners

Wellington Partners is one the most successful pan-European venture capital firms. With €800 million under management and offices in London, Munich, Palo Alto and Zurich, the firm invests into companies throughout Europe that have the potential to become global leaders, in the areas of Information Technology, Media Convergence, Cleantech and Life Sciences.

Since 1998, Wellington Partners has invested in more than 100 companies, including now publicly traded Actelion, SAF and XING and successful privately held companies like Alando (acquired by eBay), Ciao (acquired by Microsoft) and ImmobilienScout24 (acquired by Deutsche Telekom). For more information please visit www.wellington-partners.com.

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