

Wellington Partners makes renewed investment in premium career service Experteer

- € 8 million round of financing
- Broadening Experteer's international expansion

London, Munich, May 20, 2009. Wellington Partners is investing € 8 million in Experteer – Europe's leading career service. This will enable Experteer to strengthen its position as the leading career service for high-end professionals and executives in Germany and Europe in terms of both quality and quantity. Since the company was founded and the German product was launched in 2006, Experteer has experienced a breathtaking pace of development. Three years after its establishment, Experteer is now represented in 8 countries. The new round of financing is aimed at further international expansion as well as broadening the company's leading role in its industry. In spite of the recession, Experteer offers access to over 50,000 international jobs for professionals and executives with salary benchmarks starting at € 60,000, as well as exclusive access to a headhunter network consisting of over 4,800 approved headhunters, including all top 20 German executive search consultancies.

Experteer CEO Christian Götsch explains: "Experteer is an unrivaled career service for professionals and executives throughout Europe. What we offer includes clear added value in connection with professional and executive positions, discreet contact with executive search consultants and the Experteer Career Matching technology. Thanks to the new round of financing, we will now be able to further expand our leading role in this fast-growing market."

Wellington General Partner Eric Archambeau notes: "Since our first investment in March 2007, the Experteer management team has impressed us with the way it smoothly and swiftly instituted its ambitious business plan. Within the space of only a few quarters, they have succeeded in convincing more than 850,000 members as well as over 4,800 headhunters. We are highly confident that they will now take their story to next stage and expand their market leadership in Europe and beyond."

Wellington Partners was advised by CMS Hasche Sigle.

About Experteer

With 50,000 select senior positions with salary benchmarks starting at € 60,000 and 4,800 approved executive search consultants, Experteer is the leading career service for high-end professionals and executives in Germany and Europe in terms of both quality and quantity.

This premium service addresses professionals and executives who are planning their next career move and would like to keep an eye on both the job market as well as their own market value. In order to generate premium job offerings for members, an independent team of analysts is constantly scrutinizing the

market, classifying the individual job offerings and assigning salary benchmarks to them. The Experteer Career Matching technology then compares them with the qualifications and career goals of the 850,000 members. This provides each member with an overview of suitable positions – including those that range beyond the member's own industry, function or executive level. Moreover, Experteer offers discreet access to its headhunter network and its exclusive job opportunities. Members can post their career profile there, enabling headhunters to pinpoint them for the right jobs.

Headquartered in Munich, Experteer GmbH was founded in 2005 by Holtzbrinck Ventures GmbH, a subsidiary of the Georg von Holtzbrinck publishing group. Prestigious partners like Handelsblatt, DIE ZEIT, Stern, FTD or n-tv have integrated this career service into their online presence. Further information is available at www.experteer.de or at the respective country domain extensions com/, .ch/, .fr/, .co.uk/, .be/, .at and .it.

Additional information, photos and this release are available for download from www.experteer.de/about/press.

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Since 1998, Wellington Partners has invested in more than 100 companies in Europe and Israel, 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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