

Christian Reitberger becomes a Wellington General Partner

- further strengthening of the cleantech/electronics team

London/Munich, September 3, 2009. Christian Reitberger (41), a renowned tech and cleantech investor, joins Wellington Partners, the pan-European venture capital firm, as the sixth Partner in the technology team. Christian will together with Bart Markus focus on extending the cleantech commitment.

Beside his work, as an advisor for Wellington Partners over the past 18 months, Christian has continued to invest in several technology and cleantech companies as a business angel. From 1999 to 2008, he led venture, growth and buyout transactions as a Partner in the Tech & Telecom group at Apex Partners. In this position, he already focused increasingly on cleantech opportunities such as Q-Cells.

Wellington General Partner Bart Markus commented: "The collaboration in the past 18 months has shown already, how much Christian is able to add to our team. We are very happy to have Christian join our partnership. The Wellington tech team is now in a very good position to identify the most interesting cleantech companies in Europe and to accompany them on their way to global leadership."

Christian Reitberger added: "We are now entering a "phase 2.0" of cleantech investing. The early days were focussed on establishing sector specific production capacities – some from a tiny base. Now, with many of those sectors being significant the big players are joining the game and value chains are adapting to global factor cost differentials rapidly. Our job is now to identify global niches where young companies can out-innovate these incumbents and to support outstanding European cleantech entrepreneurs to catch the new opportunities. We at Wellington Partners are well prepared to do so and I am looking forward to joining this ambitious, pan-European partnership."

About Wellington Partners

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Since 1998, Wellington Partners has invested in more than 100 companies in Europe and Israel, including now publicly traded Actelion 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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