

Press release concerning the 2010 Annual General Meeting of Vontobel Holding AG

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Shareholders of Vontobel Holding AG approve all proposals at AGM

At today's Annual General Meeting, the shareholders of Vontobel Holding AG approved the re-election of all the members of the Board of Directors for a further term of one year. The Annual General Meeting also voted in favour of the proposed dividend of CHF 1.40 per share. In addition, the amendments to the Articles of Association were approved in accordance with the proposals in the agenda.

At today's Annual General Meeting, the shareholders of Vontobel Holding AG approved the Annual Report, Annual Financial Statements and Group Financial Statements for 2009 and granted discharge to the members of the Board of Directors and the Management.

The shareholders agreed to the proposed dividend of CHF 1.40 per share for the financial year 2009. The dividend will be paid out on 4 May 2010.

Dr. Urs Widmer, Chairman of the Board of Directors, and the existing members Prof. Dr. Ann-Kristin Achleitner, Bruno Basler, Dr. Philippe Cottier, Dr. Wolfhard Graetz, Peter Quadri, Dr. Frank Schnewlin and Dr. Pierin Vincenz were re-elected. All members of the Board of Directors are elected for a term of one year.

Ernst & Young AG, Berne, was elected as the statutory auditors for a further term of one year.

In his Chairman's speech, Dr. Urs Widmer addressed topics such as the current discussions surrounding the Swiss financial centre. In particular, he called for a rapid and broad-based solution to be found in view of the mounting pressure on Switzerland's finance industry. At the same time, he remained optimistic about the outlook for the Swiss banks: "Their success is still founded on three factors: professionalism, integrity and security. These strengths have been the hallmarks of the Swiss financial centre for many years and we must focus on preserving and optimizing them in the future. Moreover, a combination of hard work, perseverance and a healthy dose of confidence will enable us to successfully counter the foreign attacks being launched on Switzerland."

Herbert J. Scheidt, CEO of the Vontobel Group, explained the company's 2009 financial results and other topics – particularly Vontobel's objectives for the current year: "The Vontobel Group will continue to pursue its growth initiatives in 2010, even against the backdrop of the dramatically changing industry landscape. We are already renowned for our first-class advisory quality and we will further expand and cultivate this strength both in our Swiss home market and internationally. The inflows of new money recorded in the first quarter [make us optimistic about the outlook for our business.](#)"

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