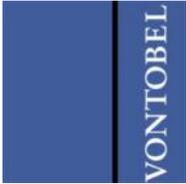


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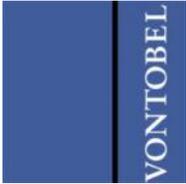
## ***Institutional Investor* names Vontobel Equity Research best team for Swiss equities 2016**

***Institutional Investor*, a widely-read publication among US investors, for the first time named Panagiotis Spiliopoulos and his team as "2016 All-Europe Research Team: No. 1 Switzerland" in its prestigious annual Institutional Investor survey. This latest award as well as the top spot in the Extel survey highlights our position as leading broker for Swiss equities.**

This award is a recognition of Vontobel Equity Research team's long-term and consistently outstanding performance as well as the quality research products and services offered to institutional investors and asset managers. Panagiotis Spiliopoulos and his team of thirteen long-standing and experienced analysts cover around 95% of Swiss market capitalization. With their well-founded opinions and analysis as well as their excellent and direct contact with the management of the companies covered by IB Research, they have distinguished themselves in Switzerland and Europe. This is in part also due to the Extel survey, where Vontobel has figured as the leading Swiss equities broker for a number of years.

"We are proud to have received this award from *Institutional Investor* for the first time, especially as the publication is highly regarded by major investors. At the same time, we consider it our duty to continue to be a reliable and competent partner for our clients and ensure that our high quality research lives up to their expectations," commented Peter Romanzina, Head Vontobel Brokerage, on hearing the good news.

For the 31st time, *Institutional Investor* conducted a broadly based survey in which the world's leading research departments and more than 100 of the biggest US investors as well as major investors in Asia and Europe cast their votes for specific research teams or individual analysts. The team or candidate with the highest percentage of votes cast is declared the winner.



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