



Aquin announces new shareholder – ViewPoint Capital Partners

ViewPoint Invests in Leading Provider of Investment Monitoring and Regulatory Compliance Software for the Asset Management Industry

Frankfurt, Germany, December 12, 2005 – Aquin, a global provider of Investment Monitoring and Regulatory Compliance software and ViewPoint Capital Partners, a leading European private equity house for software technology investments today announced the completion of a buyout through which ViewPoint has become an important investor in the company.

Götz Bernhardt, co-founder and CEO of Aquin, maintains a significant interest in the firm. The transaction proceeds will partly be used for shareholder liquidity and to provide further resources for continued international expansion.

“We were impressed by Aquin’s leading position in Europe and its rapid growth momentum”, said Urs Ehrismann, Managing Partner of ViewPoint Capital Partners. “Aquin’s international flagship product MIG21 and its specialized best of breed product family for asset managers will ensure Aquin’s leadership position in the market for next-generation fund automation, investment oversight and compliance”.

“We are very pleased to partner with a dynamic and dedicated organization like ViewPoint.” said Götz Bernhardt, Managing Director and co-founder of Aquin. “The expertise of ViewPoint paired with their international network of financial industry experts is already providing invaluable support for reaching our operational and strategic goals. Our customers and partners will benefit from our additional investments in R&D and service functions, while we will further strengthen our international presence.”



Aquin will extend its European market presence and continue its expansion into the UK and North American market. Aquin also plans to increase investments in R&D as well as across all customer-facing functions in the organization.

This investment will provide key funding for Aquin's aggressive growth plans to become the leading vendor in the rapidly emerging investment monitoring and regulatory compliance field, fuelled by increasing regulatory demands and scrutiny in the Asset Management industry. Datamonitor, a leading industry analyst, identifies regulatory pressures, transparency and the need for scale and efficiency as key technology drivers for the Asset Management industry in the next years.

About Aquin Components GmbH

AQUIN Components is a leading best-of-breed solution provider for the global investment industry. Aquin's flagship product, MIG21 is the market leader in European investment monitoring and regulatory compliance. Since 1993, the AQUIN group has provided IT consulting and developed software solutions to optimise the investment process, based on sound financial business knowledge and IT expertise. With its head office in Frankfurt and a presence in the major finance centres worldwide, Aquin's clients include 4 out of top 5 German asset management institutions, as well as international financial institutions such as StateStreet, CDC-IXIS, Citigroup, Credit Suisse AM (www.aquin.com)

About ViewPoint Capital Partners

ViewPoint Capital Partners is an independent private equity firm focusing on software technology companies across Europe. ViewPoint actively supports growth and international expansion and advises equity investments in the range of €2.0-15.0 mio per company. Investors in the funds served by ViewPoint include European banks, pension funds, insurance and investment companies as well as private individuals. The firm has offices in Frankfurt and Zurich. (www.viewpointpartners.com)

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