

PRESS RELEASE

goetzpartners continues growth course and strengthens the corporate finance management team

Munich, December 3, 2012: goetzpartners expands the corporate finance management team. Christian Muthler, aged 42, joined goetzpartners as a new managing director on December 1, 2012. Mr. Muthler draws on over 15 years of M&A and capital market experience. The strengthening of the management team reflects the consultancy's successful long-term development. The goetzpartners group has recruited over 40 new employees since the beginning of the year. Christian Muthler will now strengthen the corporate finance management team at the Frankfurt office.

Before joining goetzpartners, Christian Muthler was active at the US investment bank Jefferies as from 2007. He was jointly responsible for building up and establishing the investment banking activities in Frankfurt and headed the automotive/transportation division in the DACH region. Prior to that he spent over 10 years at KPMG Corporate Finance where he reached the position of director. His customer base included German and international major groups, medium-sized companies and financial investors. "I am really looking forward to the new challenge and to helping ensure that goetzpartners continues its successful development as a proven independent market leader in corporate finance," Muthler remarked.

goetzpartners can look back on a course of consistent successful development and is now one of the established independent players on the market. "The expansion of our corporate finance activities represents the systematic continuation of our success story," explained Stephan Goetz, Managing Partner at goetzpartners. "We are delighted to have acquired an outstanding transactions expert in Christian Muthler who commands extensive industry experience, particularly in the automotive sector. We are very optimistic about the future, especially since we cover our clients' entire value creation

chain thanks to our integral approach of providing corporate finance and management consulting as a single-source solution.”

About goetzpartners

goetzpartners is a leading independent European consulting company that combines M&A (mergers & acquisitions) advisory and management consulting under one roof. With this unique service offering goetzpartners advises companies along their whole value chain, thus creating sustainable value for them. The Group is represented with offices in Munich, Düsseldorf, Frankfurt, London, Madrid, Moscow, Paris, Prague, Shanghai and Zurich, and maintains international cooperation ventures. goetzpartners Management Consultants concentrates mainly on the fields of strategy, operational excellence, and business transformation. goetzpartners Corporate Finance focuses on M&A advisory services.

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