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Quaero Capital appoints Francesco Samson as Group Chief Operating Officer

Geneva-based asset management company QUAERO Capital has appointed Francesco Samson as its Group Chief Operating Officer, as of April 1st (subject to Swiss Financial Market Supervisory Authority FINMA's approval).

Samson joins from Brevan Howard in Switzerland, where he was Head and Chief Operating Officer of the Geneva office and a member of the Executive committee of Brevan Howard Investment Products Limited in Jersey. He has considerable experience in the asset management business, built up over more than 20 years.

Prior to his last post, he spent 10 years at Nyon-based EIM SA, where he was Partner, Group Chief Operating Officer and member of the Executive Committee. He also led M&A activity for the Swiss firm, built its managed account platform and oversaw business development and corporate communications.

Previously, Samson worked at Citigroup's EMEA Private Bank, where he led the growth strategy for the region, building and leading two front office teams. He started his career in the chemical industry prior to joining McKinsey Switzerland where he focused on finance, telecom and transportation corporates.

Fluent in Italian, French, English and German, Samson has an MSc from the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology ("EPFL") in Lausanne, Switzerland, and an MBA from INSEAD.

Jean Keller, CEO of Quaero Capital said: "We are delighted to welcome Francesco to our team. His experience and energy will strengthen our structure and help us plan for the growth of our business.

"Over the past 3 years we have experienced healthy growth in our assets under management and we are convinced that the arrival of Francesco will help us execute our ambitious business plan."

Francesco Samson said: "I am excited at the opportunity that joining Quaero Capital presents. With growing international reach, an interesting product range and solid growth already under way, I look forward to helping develop a dynamic business that is truly focused on client requirements."

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Notes to Editors:

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