

AUGUSTA & CO FURTHER STRENGTHENS LEVERAGED FINANCE FRANCHISE IN FRANKFURT

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Augusta & Co, the independent merchant bank, today announces the appointment of Paul Kim as Assistant Director. Paul joins Augusta & Co to support the leveraged finance team in Frankfurt.

Paul has eight years experience in international investment banking and joins from Dresdner Kleinwort, where he spent four years as a Vice President in the Global Banking - Leveraged Finance division in London and Frankfurt. Working closely with major private equity clients, Paul was responsible for the origination and structuring of LBOs, staple financings, refinancings, recapitalisations and restructurings. His experience includes amongst others Arcapita's acquisition and restructuring of an industrial manufacturer in 2007/08, Advent & Carlyle's LBO of HC Starck in 2007; Triton's LBO of Basler, Cognetas' recapitalisation of KSM Castings and Advent & Goldman Sachs Capital's recapitalisation of Sportfive in 2006.

Previously he was a Senior Consultant in the Transaction Advisory Services team at Ernst & Young in Frankfurt, where he worked on buy-side and vendor financial due diligence and valuation services for private equity and corporate clients. His experience includes Bain Capital's recapitalisation of Brenntag in 2005; INA-Schaeffler Group's sale of LuK Hydraulics in 2005; and BC Partner's sale of Sanitec in 2004.

Thomas Warnholtz, Partner in Augusta & Co's leveraged finance practice and Head of Financial Sponsor Coverage, said: "We are delighted to welcome Paul aboard at what is an exciting time in the firm's development. The company is expanding rapidly and Paul's outstanding track record in banking and leveraged finance will be of major value to us and our clients."

Paul Kim commented: "The opportunity to work for an innovative, successful and creative specialist house was an extremely attractive one and I'm greatly looking forward to being part of Augusta & Co's continuing success."

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Note to Editors

Augusta & Co is an independent merchant bank based in London and Frankfurt, providing corporate finance and capital markets advice and services to European middle market companies. Since being founded in late 2002, Augusta & Co has placed financings and advised clients on completed transactions with a volume of over €3.5 billion.

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