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## **Nordic Capital strengthens its presence with senior appointments**

- **Rainer Lenhard appointed Co-Head of DACH**
- **Three additional Partner promotions announced in London and Stockholm**

**Nordic Capital has further strengthened its presence in the DACH region with the appointment of Rainer Lenhard, and announced three additional Partner promotions across Stockholm and London in the wake of heightened transactional activity.**

Rainer Lenhard, who joins from investment bank Goldman Sachs, becomes Partner and Co-Head of Nordic Capital's advisory office in the DACH region alongside Joakim Lundvall from June 1, 2019. He will be based in Frankfurt and will focus on Nordic Capital's core sectors Healthcare, Technology & Payments and Financial Services. At Goldman Sachs, Rainer Lenhard was Managing Director, focussing on European healthcare companies, with an emphasis on the DACH region. Lenhard is of German origin and started his career at McKinsey & Company in 1998, working across various industries in the DACH region, before joining Goldman Sachs in 2006.

"I am very pleased to welcome Rainer Lenhard as an experienced and senior addition to our team. We have known and worked with Rainer for many years and are excited that he has decided to join us to expand our team in DACH. The DACH region is an important growth market within our core sectors and we look forward to further developing our efforts there," said Kristoffer Melinder, Managing Partner at the Advisor to the Nordic Capital Funds.

"I have known Nordic Capital for a long time as an investor with outstanding expertise and sustainable success. The team has already built a strong platform as one of the leading private equity investors in DACH. I am now excited to explore new investment opportunities and to join the team in order to further develop Nordic Capital's presence in the region," said Rainer Lenhard.

With seven DACH-headquartered companies in its current portfolio, Nordic Capital is one of the most active investors in Germany, Austria and Switzerland – especially in the healthcare sector. Since inception, Nordic Capital has invested circa EUR 3 billion across 10 companies in the region.

Following a period of strong investment and exit activity, Nordic Capital has also promoted three members of its team to Partner, increasing the capacity for further investments and bolstering its strength in key sectors and regions. New Partners include Christian Gylling (Healthcare team, London), Christof Ratjen (Capital Markets, London) and Thomas Vetander (Healthcare team, Stockholm). Christian Gylling joined in 2008 and has a strong healthcare expertise including his contribution in Nordic Capital's latest healthcare investments of European Dental Group and Orchid Orthopedic Solutions. Christof Ratjen joined in 2011 and has built strong capacity and capabilities within the capital markets team and has raised numerous market leading debt financings. Thomas Vetander joined in 2006 and has a strong healthcare expertise, most recently within the vet care space with the successful value creation in AniCura.

"I would like to express my warmest congratulations to our newly promoted Partners. Each individual has made a very considerable contribution to the firm and their promotions reflect both their personal achievements and their depth of expertise now in place across the organisation," adds Kristoffer Melinder.

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