

Management and Avedon Capital Partners successfully sell Financial Architects to Wolters Kluwer Financial Services

July 16 2012 - Wolters Kluwer Financial Services, a leading worldwide provider of comprehensive risk management, compliance and audit solutions for the financial services industry, today announced the acquisition of Financial Architects NV ('FinArch'), a leading provider of integrated finance, risk and performance measurement solutions that enable financial institutions to manage, measure and report all financial activities.

The acquisition strengthens Wolters Kluwer Financial Services' leading global risk and compliance position and extends its capabilities into integrated finance, risk and performance management. In doing so, the combined company can provide financial institutions with better control, insight and management of their financial data, and ultimately, a clearer enterprise view and enhanced management of their risk and performance.

Post financial crisis, institutions across the globe have recognized the need and value in the convergence of risk and finance, requiring high-quality data and integrated data management. Organizations now also face added pressure to have a better enterprise view of risk and financial management at a time when the regulatory and business environment is incredibly dynamic. To succeed, financial organizations need to integrate and more effectively control their financial data to improve efficiency, and better manage performance in the context of risk while meeting all regulatory obligations.

FinArch's fully integrated finance, risk and performance management solution, Financial Studio, is built on a strong data architecture and brings together the tools financial institutions need to manage, measure and report all financial activities, including: accounting, risk and capital management, management information, and compliance. With general ledger and sub-ledger capabilities, Financial Studio enables customers to meet International Accounting Standards (IAS) and International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) while also addressing the requirements of Basel II and Basel III, RAROC, and other risk-related performance measurement ratios. By utilizing Financial Studio's strong data architecture, this "single version of the truth" helps organizations manage a dynamic regulatory environment while reducing the cost of compliance, ultimately enabling them to be more competitive.

"By better harnessing the power of their data across all asset classes, financial organizations can more effectively manage risk and financial performance, and help ensure regulatory compliance while reducing costs and increasing operational effectiveness," said Brian Longe, CEO of the Wolters Kluwer Financial & Compliance Services division. "Together with our risk and regulatory reporting solutions, we'll be able to offer our customers more options and greater flexibility to meet the needs specific to their organization and the changing marketplace. We will continue to build out our global capabilities, providing regulatory reporting for 50 countries and a full suite of solutions to help better manage performance and meet the most critical risk needs financial organizations face today and into the future."

Wolters Kluwer Financial Services supports more than 15,000 financial organizations across the globe with solutions and services to help manage their most pressing risk management, compliance and audit challenges, including: audit management; compliance program management and controls; enterprise risk management; financial crime controls; regulatory reporting; financial risk management; investment compliance; transaction origination and documentation; and regulatory intelligence and research.

“With a shared vision for providing knowledge-rich solutions to manage the complexity around financial performance and risk management, we will continue to build out our solutions, combining global scale with local capabilities, expertise and service, ultimately helping more organizations make the right business decisions in today’s evolving global environment,” said Dirk De Beule, managing director for FinArch.

The FinArch management team will join Wolters Kluwer Financial Services.

Terms of the deal were not further disclosed.

About Wolters Kluwer Financial Services

Whether complying with regulatory requirements, addressing a single key risk, or working toward a holistic risk management strategy, more than 15,000 customers worldwide count on Wolters Kluwer Financial Services for a comprehensive and dynamic view of risk management and compliance. Wolters Kluwer Financial Services provides audit, risk and compliance solutions that help financial organizations improve efficiency and effectiveness across their enterprise. With more than 30 offices in 20 countries, the company’s prominent brands include: FRSGlobal, ARC Logics for Financial Services, Bankers Systems, VMP® Mortgage Solutions, AppOne®, GainsKeeper®, Capital Changes, NILS, AuthenticWeb™ and Uniform Forms™. Wolters Kluwer Financial Services is part of Wolters Kluwer, a leading global information services and publishing company with annual revenues of (2011) € 3.4 billion (\$ 4.7 billion) and approximately 19,000 employees worldwide.

About FinArch

FinArch, with offices in the major financial centers worldwide, is a global leader in providing a new generation of financial management software. FinArch provides a unique blend of domain expertise, operational services, and technology solutions that facilitate and accelerate financial institutions’ implementation of cost effective and reliable financial management platforms.

With its flagship Financial Studio, FinArch is positioned as a market leader in integrated risk and finance solutions. Financial Studio’s scalable architecture and functionally rich, fully customisable modules deliver a single application with the tools banks need to manage, measure, and report all their financial activities. The integrated approach of the different modules (IAS/IFRS, Product Control, Liquidity Risk, ALM, Basel II, Basel III, E-Cap, regulatory reporting) guarantees economies of scale and efficiency of implementation. A common suite of foundation modules underpin the power and security of the Financial Studio FRP solution.

About Avedon

Avedon provides growth capital to small and mid market companies with an enterprise value ranging between € 30 - 300 million in the Benelux and Germany. Avedon aims to support companies with strong leadership, proven business models and records of increasing revenues and earnings, and that are looking for an active, added value partner to further scale up and expand their business. Specifically Avedon supports management teams and entrepreneurs in accelerating and realizing their growth ambitions through:

- Genuine partnerships during the entire investment period, whereby Avedon is actively involved in the agreed growth plan to realize the full potential of a company. Depending on the needs and wishes of the company, Avedon supports (geographic) organic expansion, acquisitions, revenue and profitability enhancement, operations and logistics, recruiting and management information systems.
- Flexible investment structures offering tailor made solutions through majority or meaningful minority stakes and ability to provide standby capital to accelerate growth plans.
- Access to an extensive network and deep sector expertise.

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