

Activity Report

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In July 2008 the announced merge between Absolute Private Equity Ltd. and Absolute Managers Ltd. was completed successfully.

The consolidation initialized in 2005 with the public offer of Absolute Private Equity for all the outstanding shares of Absolute Managers Ltd. was brought to an end with the merge between the two companies. The merger was approved by the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of Absolute Private Equity Ltd. and Absolute Managers Ltd. on June 12, 2008. The AGM agreed on the terms and conditions as stipulated by the Board of Directors of the two companies. In consequence Absolute Europe was delisted from the SWX Swiss Exchange on June 20, 2008.

The AGM of Absolute Private Equity Ltd., in connection with the merger, agreed on splitting the company's shares in a ratio of 1 to 5. The new shares were traded on the SWX Swiss Exchange as of June 18, 2008.

The shareholders of Absolute Managers Ltd. finally received 1.61 shares of Absolute Private Equity Ltd. (after tax) for one Absolute Managers share. Those shareholders who did not qualify for a full amount of shares in return received a payment in cash equal to their fraction of shares (fewer taxes).

Today there are two listed Absolute Companies traded on the SWX Swiss Exchange: Absolute Private Equity Ltd. (Ticker: ABSP; ISIN: CH 004 292738 1; Security number: 4 292 738) and Absolute Invest Ltd. (Ticker: ABSI; ISIN: CH 004 292743 1; Security number: 4 292 743).

Absolute Private Equity Ltd. is a Fund of Fund for Private Equity investments. The company's objective is to realize compounded returns in excess of those available through conventional investments in the public equity markets. The company primarily invests in private funds, across various sectors of the private equity market focusing on US, European and other international buyout and venture capital funds.

Absolute Invest Ltd. concentrates on investments in Hedge Funds. Aiming for absolute returns with a well diversified international hedge fund portfolio, the company invests globally in a wide range of hedge fund styles, focussing on difficult to find, illiquid and emerging strategies.

Absolute Private Equity's share capital amounts to CHF 505'376'050 and is divided into 50'537'605 bearer shares with a par value of CHF 10. The year-to-date share price is noted with -15.14% (Source: Bloomberg as of 04.08.2008). The Board of Directors of Absolute Private Equity is aware of the necessity of an active price management in the current situation and therefore proposed to the AGM the approval of a further share-buy-back program.

By resolution of the AGM held on June 12, 2008 the Board of Directors was authorized to buy back 10% of the company's outstanding shares through a second line. The Board of Directors of Absolute Private Equity Ltd. has decided to make use of this authorization. The intention is to acquire up to 4'591'260 shares, equivalent to up to 10% of the current share capital, via a second line at the SWX Swiss Exchange (Ticker: ABSPE; ISIN: CH 002 197150 9; Security



Number: 2 197 150. The repurchased shares are to be cancelled. The share-buy-back program will start on July 25, 2008 and will last until the AGM 2009 at the latest.

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