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5th International Investment Forum (IIF): Answers to the most important questions of the future

Leading executives from cutting-edge industries offer first-hand information

On December 7, the 5th International Investment Forum (IIF) took place online. 19 speakers from promising growth companies, such as wind turbine manufacturer Nordex and battery manufacturer Varta, presented their business models free of charge during 30-minute slots and then answered questions from participants. The digital investor event is becoming a must-attend event for more and more investors from all over the world: In total, participants from 31 countries followed the presentations. Press representatives used the first-hand input for up-to-the-minute reporting.

"The 5th IIF struck a chord with participants," said Mario Hose, managing director of Apaton Finance GmbH, one of the co-organizers. "On average, each participant participated in 3.5 presentations in one sitting, corresponding to a dwell time of over 100 minutes. This underlines the unbroken interest of market participants in growth companies and the attractiveness of our digital event series," said Hose.

In addition to companies from the renewable energy and battery technology sectors, representatives from the crypto, biotech, nanotechnology, security technology, and mining and raw materials industries also presented during the 5th IIF. It has become clear that companies increasingly need to act across sectors to drive innovation. For example, participants Auxico Resources, Manuka Resources, and Almonty Industries represent critical commodities from secure sources currently in demand by GreenTech pioneers and traditional industrial companies in an ESG-compliant manner.

"As during past editions, the IIF offered interdisciplinary insights and raised questions, such as a circular economy for wind turbine rotor blades, which is not expected to exist until 2030. Such impulses are valuable for both speakers and participants and often initiate a fruitful discussion beyond the event," explains Hose. In 2023, the IIF wants to focus even more on individual future topics and shed light on them in a multi-layered manner.

"Digital events, in particular, make it easier for investors to think outside the box and adopt new perspectives," finds Manuel Hölzle, CEO of research house GBC AG, a co-organizer of the IIF. "Our daily work as analysts shows that right now, there are many companies that can provide answers to the most important questions of the future. How many opportunities this offers investors often only becomes clear when you have learned about a business model in detail and from different perspectives. The IIF offers the perfect platform for this," says Hölzle.

Four new dates for the digital investor event are set for 2023! For registration, please visit <https://iiforum.com>:

- February 15, 2023
- May 10, 2023
- October 10, 2023
- December 5, 2023

About IIF - International Investment Forum

IIF - International Investment Forum is a full-day online event format founded in 2021. Board members and top managers present their companies and provide insights on markets and prospects. The 30-minute presentation slot is typically rounded off with a moderated Q&A session. The worldwide participation in the event is organized and coordinated from Germany as a cooperation project between Apaton Finance GmbH and GBC AG.

For further information: <https://ii-forum.com>

About Apaton Finance GmbH (co-organizer)

Apaton focuses mainly on growth companies and helps to build investor relationships. Partners are located all over the world. When a company is in a transition phase and enters a new market or growth phase, Apaton becomes active. Apaton's experts create investable visibility in new regions and markets.

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About GBC AG (co-organizer)

GBC AG has been organizing capital market conferences since 2001. Around two-thirds of all German issuers from the small & mid cap sectors have already used the GBC conferences in the 20 years of conference history to address the capital market directly. Generally, the GBC conference series is aimed primarily at asset managers, fund managers, family offices, analysts and financial journalists.

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