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IIF Digital Capital Market Conference unlocks investment opportunities - A new event with a focus on hydrogen

The International Investment Forum (IIF), on May 10, 2023, brought together representatives of growth companies and investors. Participants from all over the world gained first-hand insights and derived investment opportunities from them. The next event, IIF Hydrogen Day, will follow in mid-June.

Twenty growth companies from various sectors presented themselves at the 7th edition of the IIF. Exciting presentations and subsequent question panels offered interested investors and media representatives opportunities for a deep dive. In addition to established industrial companies and raw material producers, such as Indus Holding and Saturn Oil & Gas, growth companies from the battery technology, hydrogen and biotech sectors also had their say. Prospective mining projects around industrial and precious metals also presented themselves live at the IIF.

In addition to companies such as Power Nickel and Almonty Industries, which are striving to extract critical metals and have made significant progress in the past months, Desert Gold, with its SMSZ project, also provided a highlight at this year's IIF. Desert Gold operates in Mali on the border to Senegal near gold producers such as Barrick Gold, B2Gold and Allied Gold. The latter company is aiming for an IPO and stands for proven and probable mineral reserves of 7.3 million ounces of gold with its Sadiola Gold Mine. The expected valuation of the entire company in the IPO, including other precious metal projects, is expected to be around USD 1.2 billion. Desert Gold's SMSZ project is still in the exploration phase but already stands for more than 1 million ounces of gold, with a market capitalization in the low single-digit millions. The SMSZ property, at 440 sq km, is many times larger than the Sadiola Gold Mine, which is set to become a core asset of the forthcoming IPO.

"It is the combination of first-hand information and their professional assessment that leads to success in the stock market," says Mario Hose, Managing Director of Apaton Finance GmbH and co-organizer of the IIF. Manuel Hölzle, CEO of research firm GBC AG and also co-organizer of the IIF, adds: "Our targeted international orientation raises awareness of topics and trends that are still rarely discussed in the DACH region. This can pay off for investors and provide an information advantage," explains Hölzle.

The upcoming event in the IIF series, taking place on June 15, 2023, will focus solely on the topic of hydrogen: The 1st IIF Hydrogen Day will address a topic crucial for the sustainable transformation of industry. "While small-cap investors, in particular, have been familiar with the topic for years, it is only since the outbreak of the war in Ukraine that the associated technology has gained significant importance for many industrial companies. During our recent discussions at international trade fairs, it became clear to us that an event bringing

together different perspectives and solutions on hydrogen in digital form during a single day event would offer great value for both industry representatives and investors," says Hose.

The 1st IIF Hydrogen Day will take place on June 15, 2023. [Participation is free](#) via Zoom and registration is possible at www.ii-forum.com.

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About IIF – International Investment Forum

The IIF - International Investment Forum is an online platform for information exchange. Companies and their board members or top managers present and answer questions from investors and interested participants via Zoom. The format is particularly efficient and environmentally friendly, as participation is possible from anywhere in the world without the need for travel. The event is organized from Germany as a cooperation project between Apaton Finance GmbH and GBC AG.

Further Info: www.ii-forum.com

About Apaton Finance GmbH (Co-Organizer)

Apaton focuses primarily 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 a 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 sector have already used GBC Conferences in the 20 years of conference history to address the capital market directly. The GBC conference series primarily aims at asset managers, fund managers, family offices, analysts and financial journalists.

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