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IIF Digital Capital Market Conference: Growth Companies Shaping the Future

The International Investment Forum (IIF) will take place for the 8th time on October 10, 2023 - innovative companies from sectors such as climate protection, biotech, energy, real estate, technology and mining will present pathways to the future to investors and press representatives. Several hundred participants are expected to attend this purely digital event.

The economy is subject to constant change. Currently, the challenges for companies are more complex than ever: energy transition, inflation, geopolitical tensions and skills shortages are omnipresent. The 8th edition of the IIF starts on October 10 at 09:55 (CEST) online via Zoom and is free of charge for participants. Included are twenty companies that offer solutions for the future. These include well-known companies to German investors, such as K+S AG or PATRIZIA SE, and international growth stocks, such as Klimat X Developments Inc., which specializes in generating CO2 certificates through sustainable forestry projects.

"The combination of internationally active groups that investors are familiar with from large indices such as the DAX and smaller companies that offer investors access to young growth markets is unique in this form," explains Mario Hose, Managing Director of Apaton Finance GmbH, one of the co-organizers. Traditionally, the IIF is also distinguished by its cross-sector approach. "When investors can gather impressions from both the tech and commodity sectors in just one day, it makes for a holistic view," Hose believes.

Presentations by the private equity investor Deutsche Beteiligungs AG and the Deutsche Eigenheim Union AG, specializing in affordable housing in the greater Berlin area, promise to provide a behind-the-scenes look. The topic of education is becoming increasingly important everywhere as an ESG special investment, and so Germany's first publicly-listed school, the International School Augsburg, will also be presenting itself. The future topic of Artificial Intelligence is represented at the IIF by the Italian company Mexedia S.p.A.

Traditionally, the supply of critical raw materials to the industry remains an important topic at the IIF and one that will continue to concern market participants in 2023. "Against the backdrop of growing geopolitical tensions and discussions about trade barriers, it makes sense for the IIF to include not only representatives of the mining industry but also technology companies that want to reduce their dependence on certain raw materials through innovations," explains Manuel Hölzle, CEO of research house GBC AG, which is also a co-organizer of the IIF. Examples include Canadian company Almonty Industries Inc., which is in the process of breaking the Western world's heavy dependence on China with a new tungsten mine in South Korea, or German battery pioneer Altech Advanced Materials, which aims to make electric vehicles and solar plants and wind farms even more profitable

thanks to innovative energy storage systems. GoviEx Uranium also provides insight into the current political situation in the African Republic of Niger.

Company representatives will present at the IIF in 30-minute slots and answer questions from participants. The program will be moderated by analysts from the co-organizer GBC AG. All information about participating companies, registration (which is free), and the current schedule can be found at www.iif-forum.com

Opening Session	03.55 am ET* 09.55 am CEST* 03.55 pm HKT*	Moderation
K+S AG	04.00 am ET* 10.00 am CEST* 04.00 pm HKT*	Esther Beuermann, Investor Relations Manager
Manuka Resources Ltd.	04.30 am ET* 10.30 am CEST* 04.30 pm HKT*	Dennis Karp, CEO
Avemio AG	05.00 am ET* 11.00 am CEST* 05.00 pm HKT*	Ralf P. Pepper, CEO
International School Augsburg (ISA) gAG	05.30 am ET* 11.30 am CEST* 05.30 pm HKT*	Marcus Wagner, CEO
Deutsche Beteiligungs AG	06.00 am ET* 12.00 pm CEST* 06.00 pm HKT*	Roland Rapelius, Head of IR
Mexedia S.p.A	06.30 am ET* 12:30 pm CEST* 06.30 pm HKT*	Orlando Taddeo, CEO
PATRIZIA SE	07.00 am ET* 01.00 pm CEST* 07.00 pm HKT*	Janina Rochell, Associate Director Investor Relations
Deutsche Eigenheim Union AG	07.30 am ET* 01.30 pm CEST* 07.30 pm HKT*	Christiane Köhler, CFO
3U HOLDING AG	08.00 am ET* 02.00 pm CEST* 08.00 pm HKT*	Uwe Knoke, CDO
Deutsche Rohstoff AG	08.30 am ET* 02.30 pm CEST* 08.30 pm HKT*	Jan-Philipp Weitz, CEO
Cardiol Therapeutics Inc.	09.00 am ET* 03.00 pm CEST* 09.00 pm HKT*	David Elsley, CEO
GoviEx Uranium Inc.	09.30 am ET* 03.30 pm CEST* 09.30 pm HKT*	Daniel Major, CEO
Almonty Industries Inc.	10.00 am ET* 04.00 pm CEST* 10.00 pm HKT*	Lewis Black, CEO
dynaCERT	10.30 am ET* 04.30 pm CEST* 10.30 pm HKT*	Jim Payne, CEO
Viva Gold Corp.	11.00 am ET* 05.00 pm CEST* 11.00 am HKT*	James Hesketh, CEO
Altech Advanced Materials AG	11.30 am ET* 05.30 pm CEST* 11.30 am HKT*	Uwe Ahrens, CEO
Saturn Oil & Gas Inc.	12.00 pm ET* 06.00 pm CEST* 00.00 am HKT*	Kevin Smith, VP Corporate Development
First Hydrogen Corp.	12.30 pm ET* 06.30 pm CEST* 00.30 am HKT*	Robert Campbell, CEO First Hydrogen Energy
Giga Metals Corp.	01.00 pm ET* 07.00 pm CEST* 01.00 am HKT*	Mark Jarvis, CEO
Klimat X Developments Inc.	01.30 pm ET* 07.30 pm CEST* 01.30 am HKT*	James Tansey, CEO

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About IIF – International Investment Forum

The 8th IIF - International Investment Forum - will take place on October 10, 2023. Companies and their board members or top managers will present and answer questions from investors via Zoom. The event will start at 09:55 CEST (Central European Summer Time) and end at 20:00 CEST. The event is organized from Germany as a cooperation project between Apaton Finance GmbH and GBC AG.

For more information: www.iif-forum.com

About Apaton Finance GmbH (Co-Organizer)

Apaton focuses primarily on growth companies and helps 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 sectors have already used GBC Conferences in the 20 years of conference history to address the capital market directly. The GBC Conference series generally aims at asset managers, fund managers, family offices, analysts and financial journalists.

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