

Close Brothers Seydler Bank AG Sponsored North, Central Europe & Turkey Midcap Event in Paris

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The sixth annual “Germany, Central Europe, Central Asia & Turkey” Midcap Event took place on June 29th and 30th in Paris. The two day conference was well-attended and received by both mainly French institutional investors and listed companies. Close Brothers Seydler Bank AG sponsored the event as exclusive German bank with 21 corporate mandates represented.

Management from over 40 companies met investors in around 300 individual or small group meetings at this year’s two day conference, which was geared towards bringing small and mid capitalization companies listed in Austria, Czech Republic, Germany, Hungary, Poland and Turkey together with French institutional investors. These companies were also given the opportunity to meet with investor contacts of Close Brothers Seydler Bank AG on an individual basis during the event.

René Parmantier, Board Member for Markets, comments “In the current investment environment, we believe that investors are looking for attractive stock ideas, especially those companies with solid management and business models. We wanted to give our Designated Sponsoring clients an ideal platform at this Midcap Event to present their equity stories to French investors.”

The Midcap conference was organised in cooperation with CF&B Communication, the independent financial communications consultancy based in Paris.

Close Brothers Seydler Bank AG - Your Partner for Mid-sized Companies ("Mittelstand")

Close Brothers Seydler Bank AG is focused on mid-sized companies and has been part of the London Exchange listed Close Brothers Group plc since 2005. Among its core business areas are Designated Sponsoring, Corporate Finance, Equity Sales and Research, Fixed Income Sales, Equity trading, Fixed Income trading and Floor Specialist Trading on the Frankfurt Stock Exchange in over 2,100 domestic and international equity and fixed income securities. The Bank is currently market leader in Designated Sponsoring with 180 mandates at last count and in this capacity, is responsible for active trading and improved liquidity in the shares of its mandates. Additionally, the firm acts as equity specialist for stocks listed in the primary market segments of Deutsche Börse AG’s Continuous Auction with Specialist (FAMS) trading system.

The Capital Markets team at Close Brothers Seydler Bank AG assists company management with the planning, structuring and placement of capital market transactions. This includes the structuring and execution of initial public offerings (IPOs), capital increases and placement of equity block trades. In the fixed income area, the team provides expert services in the structuring and placement of convertibles and corporate bonds.

Institutional investors are serviced by the Equity & Fixed Income Sales and Trading team. With primary focus on the Small and Mid Cap segment, the Team enjoys a broad network to leading institutional investors in Germany, United Kingdom, Switzerland, France and Benelux. In the financial center of London, Close Brothers Seydler Bank AG is represented by a local sales and trading

team. In close cooperation between the Sales and Designated Sponsoring teams, numerous road-shows and top-notch investor conferences are organised for the firm's customers. These provide companies with an outstanding platform to present themselves to international investors and analysts.

Close Brothers Seydler Research AG, a subsidiary of the Bank, has a reputation for being one of the most prominent analyst houses covering mid-sized German companies. At the start of this year, around two years after its foundation, the experienced research analyst team maintains a coverage list of around 80 stocks and is considered by the investment community in Germany and abroad as well as the financial media to be one of the most demanded and competent market and sector experts.

Corporate clients can take advantage of the professional management of their securities and associated services with an account at Close Brothers Seydler Bank AG.

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