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BVK: Once again, significantly more private equity investment in 2011

"The German private equity market held its own in 2011 despite the European debt crisis and uncertain economic prospects", explained Matthias Kues, chairman of the German Private Equity and Venture Capital Association (BVK), at the press conference on the statistics for the German private equity market in 2011 published today by the organisation. Investments in Germany increased by 22 % year on year to €5.92 billion. Approximately 1,200 mostly small and medium-sized companies were financed with private equity during the course of the year, underpinning the importance of investment companies in financing these enterprises. Only 6 % of the companies financed during the course of the year employed more than 500 people.

21. November 2011

German private equity market maintains its position despite the Eurocrisis

"The German private equity market holds its ground despite the turmoil of the European debt crisis and the uncertain economic outlook. Investment so far this year has already reached the level of full last year," said Ulrike Hinrichs, managing director of the German Private Equity and Venture Capital Association (BVK) at the presentation of statistics for the German private equity market for the third quarter of 2011. With investments of € 4,669 million in 877 companies, the results have not only surpassed that for the same period last year (€ 3,284 million), but have already exceeded the total for the whole of last year of € 4,646 million.

30. August 2011

BVK: Upswing in Private Equity Investments in Germany

"The German market has made a sustained recovery since the low point in the first half of 2009. We have now recorded an increase in investments for four half-year terms in a row," says Ulrike Hinrichs, Director of the German Private Equity and Venture Capital Association (BVK), presenting the statistics on the German private equity market for the second quarter of 2011.

26. Mai 2011

BVK: Hopeful start into the year for the private equity market

"The German private equity sector has every reason to be optimistic" says Ulrike Hinrichs, Managing Director of BVK. The latest quarterly figures confirm this, released today by the German Private Equity and Venture Capital Association (BVK) for the German private equity market. In the first quarter of 2011 private equity investment in Germany companies reached €1,169 million, which does represent a slight decrease compared with the previous quarter which reached €1,362 million and compared with the result for the comparative quarter of the previous year (€1,375 million). Despite this a further stabilization of investments at a sustainable level must be noted for the German private equity market. Past experience shows that the first quarter of a year is in general the quarter with the least investments compared with the remaining quarters in a year; based on this assumption this gives hope for a



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successful private equity year 2011.

02. März 2011

BVK: Significantly more private equity investments in 2010

The German private equity market has gained a lot of stability. This emerges from the statistics for the German private equity market in 2010 released today by the German Private Equity and Venture Capital Association (Bundesverband Deutscher Kapitalbeteiligungsgesellschaften - BVK). Investments in Germany increased by 59 % to €4.44 billion compared to 2009. Approximately 1,300 mostly small and medium-sized companies are financed with private equity and supported in their quest to overcome the financial and economic crisis. After an almost complete collapse of the market in 2009 as a result of the financial and economic crisis, the investment level rose sharply and sustainably. In saying that, the market is still well below the record results of 2007 and 2008. "These years were exceptions and the result of the truly extraordinary market conditions at that time. What we are seeing now is a more sustainable growth", explains Dr Hans Ostmeier, president of the BVK.

11. November 2010

BVK: AIFM regulation may make finance more difficult to obtain for SMEs and innovation businesses

Market statistics for 3rd quarter of 2010 reveal importance of private equity for German companies.

11. November 2010

BVK: Private equity activities are stabilising

In the third quarter of 2010, private equity investments in Germany reached €1.02 billion in 388 businesses, which represents an increase of more than one third in comparison to the previous quarter (€0.74 billion). The results from the same quarter of last year (€0.78 billion) were also exceeded by some distance. This figure emerges from the statistics for the German private equity market in the third quarter of 2010 released today by the German Private Equity and Venture Capital Association (Bundesverband Deutscher Kapitalbeteiligungsgesellschaften BVK). The German private equity market has therefore confirmed that it is continuing its stable growth of recent quarters. After the market had almost collapsed in the first six months of 2009 as a result of the financial and economic crisis, the level of investment once again has been increasing significantly over the last five quarters.

24. August 2010

BVK: Normality reestablished in the German private equity market

In the first half of 2010 private equity investments in Germany reached a total of € 2,243 million. This represented more than triple the level of investment in the same period in the previous year (€ 669 million) and amounted to almost the sum total of investments made in 2009 (€ 2,738 million).

27. Mai 2010

BVK: German private equity market continues to recover



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The German private equity market started recovering in the second half of 2009 and is continuing this trend. In the first quarter of 2010, € 1,285 million were invested in Germany, almost the same as in the previous quarter (€ 1,258 million). Compared to the first quarter of the previous year (€ 346 million), which was considerably affected by the financial and economic crisis, investments increased almost fourfold. This emerges in the statistics published today by the German Private Equity and Venture Capital Association (BVK) for the German private equity market in the first quarter 2010. Although the market has still not yet fully recovered from the effects of the financial and economic crisis, it is showing clear signs of a return to normality.

08. März 2010

German companies rely on private equity even in the credit crunch

BVK: German private equity market ends a difficult year with a clear upwards trend