

# PREMIUM EQUITY PARTNERS

## **PREMIUM EQUITY PARTNERS EXPANDS THE PARTNERSHIP WITH PIETER VAN HALEM**

*Increased focus on niche companies with a technology driven competitive edge*

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PREMIUM Equity Partners is delighted to announce that Pieter van Halem will join the team as partner in April 2021. With 25 years of investment expertise in small caps, Pieter is amongst the most experienced private equity professionals in Germany. He worked for 3i in the late nineties and founded CornerstoneCapital in 2001. Since then, CornerstoneCapital has actively invested in over 15 companies with a focus on advanced technology and executed as many add-on acquisitions.

PREMIUM's partners, Marcel van Wijk and Dr. Thomas Duhnkrack, have been working together with Pieter van Halem since 2012, in the PREMIUM-led transaction ACTech, a 3D printing / prototyping company. ACTech was sold in 2017, as the team's most successful exit to date.

Marcel van Wijk: "The last twelve months have shown that a distinct competitive edge is vital to cope with disruptive situations. PREMIUM's investment focus has always been on strong niche companies that operate in markets with high entry barriers. Proprietary technology can be a major differentiating factor and Pieter's investment background enables us to strengthen our focus on advanced technology companies."

Pieter van Halem: "I am excited to join PREMIUM and contribute to expanding the team's competences and investment capacity. I consider it as a big advantage that we have been working together in the past, where I experienced PREMIUM as a highly professional investment team with superb quality standards. The team's investment approach and the broad network of industry partners are key elements to enhance value at portfolio company level, a prerequisite for being successful in the small cap segment."

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PREMIUM is an entrepreneurial, independent investment partnership with a focus on small cap transactions in the DACH-region. PREMIUM was founded in 2011 and will celebrate its 10th anniversary this year. The PREMIUM team has grown to eight investment professionals who have more than 90 years of combined private equity experience. Key individuals, including partner Fabian Walesch, have been working together since 2005. PREMIUM has been successfully building up its investment activities, achieving premium returns for its investors and currently has EUR 120 million of assets under management.

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