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- **Aragon AG and DAB bank AG sign sales and purchase agreement to acquire majority stake in SRQ FinanzPartner AG**
 - **Leading advisory company set to emerge in mass affluent market**
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Aragon AG, one of the leading financial services companies in German-speaking countries, has together with DAB bank AG, Munich, a subsidiary of the UniCredit Bank AG, signed a sales and purchase agreement (SPA) to acquire an 82.25 percent majority stake in DAB bank's subsidiary, SRQ FinanzPartner AG, Berlin. The rest of the shares will remain in the hands of SRQ's management, financial consultants and employees. The SPA is subject conditions, amongst others the approval by various supervisory bodies, expected to be received in the fourth quarter. The parties to the contract have agreed to maintain confidentiality as to the details of the SPA.

Founded in 2003, SRQ FinanzPartner AG, Berlin, has around 90 financial consultants and advises more than 10,500 sophisticated, service-oriented private customers with assets under administration totalling around Euro 1.4 billion. The company generated sales of around Euro 11 million in the 2010 financial year.

"We are delighted to offer SRQ's highly qualified advisors a new home at our Group", commented Wulf U. Schütz, CFO of Aragon AG, with regard to the planned transaction. "By taking over SRQ, Aragon is consistently pressing ahead with its process of focusing on advising sophisticated private customers. Together with the former MLP Österreich, now Scopia AG, Vienna, taken over in 2009, and FINUM.FINANZHAUS GmbH, taken over in the past year, SRQ FinanzPartner AG will in future form part of the leading company in German-speaking countries when it comes to advising and managing sophisticated, service-oriented private customers, one with around 250 advisors, more than 60,000 end customers and assets under administration of more than Euro 1.5 billion."

"The SRQ takeover is by no means just another acquisition within Aragon's buy-and-build strategy," added Dr. Sebastian Grabmaier, CEO of Aragon AG. "It also stands for our future focus on a small number of attractive core markets. "The Mass Affluent Market, i.e. the market for all-round asset and savings advice, is extremely attractive. Alongside the Broker Pool and the Mass Market segment, it will in future form one of the three pillars at the Aragon Group."



About Aragon AG

Aragon AG is a broadly diversified financial services group with two operating segments, Broker Pools and Financial Consulting, and a Holding division. Alongside its investment in Aragon IT Service GmbH, the Holding division also owns a minority stake in biw Bank für Investments und Wertpapiere AG. In its operating segments, Aragon AG operates in the market with several independently acting subsidiaries. The aim is to integrate various sales models under one roof without infringing on the identity of each individual sales operation. This leads to broad diversification across numerous asset classes and distribution channels and, as a result, ensures high earnings stability. Further information about the company and its subsidiaries can be found at www.aragon.ag.

About SRQ FinanzPartner AG

With customer assets of almost Euro 1.4 billion under administration, SRQ FinanzPartner AG is one of Germany's leading independent financial services providers. Since its foundation, SRQ AG has convinced more than 10,000 customers of the benefits of its innovative mobile private banking concept. The company and its advisors are independent in their advice and are not subject to the sales interests of any other financial market players.

About DAB bank AG

As a direct bank, DAB bank (www.dab-bank.de) specialises in the securities business and operates in Germany, as well as in Austria via its direktanlage.at subsidiary. Its services target both private and business customers alike. At 30 June 2011, DAB bank managed 621,128 accounts across the group with customer assets of Euro 27.08 billion. Based in Munich, DAB bank was Germany's first discount broker on its foundation in 1994.