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## Death of Dr. Hans Vontobel

**Dr. Hans Vontobel, Honorary Chairman of Vontobel Holding AG, died on 3 January 2016 at the age of 100. The employees of Vontobel are mourning an exceptional man, with whom they all felt a special bond.**

Hans Vontobel joined the then J. Vontobel & Co. in 1943, and under his leadership it became one of the leading internationally active investment advisory firms. He took over as Chairman of the Board of Directors in 1981, and had served as Honorary Chairman since 1991. For many years, he was the Chairman of the Zurich Stock Exchange, a member of the Board of Directors of the Swiss Bankers Association and the *Neue Zürcher Zeitung*, and Chairman of the German-Swiss Chamber of Commerce.

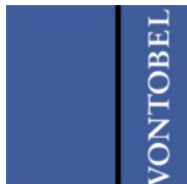
A father of two daughters and a son, he was not only a passionate banker, he was also an author and publicist. He had an acute sense of civic awareness, and was a keen observer of his time. His life was greatly influenced by his love of nature, and by his commitment to a wide range of charitable causes. As a philanthropist he will be remembered, among other things, for having set up the Vontobel Foundation, the Kreatives Alter Foundation, and the Lyra Foundation, which supports highly gifted young musicians.

As a prudent and far-sighted entrepreneur, he soon put his stamp on the house and also addressed his own transience with the transfer of significant stakes to the Vontobel Foundation and the family-controlled Vontrust AG. Ensuring that the company would remain independent after his death was a matter of great importance to him.

Herbert J. Scheidt, Chairman of the Board of Directors of Vontobel Holding AG: "Hans Vontobel was one of the most important bankers in our country, but beyond that he was a convinced humanist, who put people at the heart of everything he did. He will remain an example to us all, as a source of considered, far-sighted advice, and with his cosmopolitan outlook and thirst for knowledge. The Board of Directors, Group Executive Management and the employees will carry on his work and his values with a due sense of responsibility, resolve and commitment. All the employees send their heartfelt condolences to the family."

**Vontobel**

Vontobel's mission is to protect and build the wealth our clients have entrusted to us over the long term. Specializing in active asset management and tailor-made investment solutions, we provide responsible and forward-looking advice. In doing so, we are committed to Swiss quality and performance standards. With their good name, our owner family has stood by these principles for generations. As of 30 June 2015, Vontobel held CHF 181 billion of client assets. Around 1,500 employees worldwide provide first-rate, customized services for clients with an international focus. The registered shares of Vontobel Holding AG are listed on the SIX Swiss Exchange. The Vontobel families and the Vontobel Foundation hold the majority of shares and votes in the company. [www.vontobel.com](http://www.vontobel.com)



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