

Serafin Asset Management acquires majority stake in Artico Partners Ltd

- Artico Partners expands Serafin Asset Management's equity-expertise into emerging markets and sustainable investments
- Funds in emerging markets follow a multi-factor approach
- All Artico Funds have a sustainable investment objective and are classified under Article 9 SFDR

Frankfurt am Main/Zug, 28 March 2023: [Serafin Asset Management](#) continues to grow with an acquisition of a majority stake in the Swiss asset manager [Artico Partners Ltd](#). Serafin Asset Management shortly before increased its stake in AMG Fondsverwaltung AG and changed the company's name to Serafin Asset Management Ltd (read more on this [here](#)).



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Serafin Asset Management acquires a 51 percent majority stake in Artico Partners Ltd, Zurich ("Artico"). The transaction is part of the strategy of Serafin Asset Management to expand its expertise via acquiring specialized active fund management boutiques. The planned closing of this transaction is still subject to approval of the Swiss Financial Market Supervisory Authority FINMA. The acquisition of 100 percent in Artico is planned for mid-2024. The entire Artico team will stay together and become the specialist for systematic emerging market and global equities with sustainable investment objectives within Serafin Asset Management.

Silvio Halsig, co-founder of Serafin Asset Management, commented on the cooperation: "Artico's products add to our fund range in systematic and innovative equity investing. The experienced and eager appetite for continuous quantitative research of the team around Artico CEO Gabriel Herrera as well as their extensive data repository provide a strong resource for examining new investment ideas".

Added value for clients through impact investments

Artico Partners Ltd is a systematic asset manager based in Zurich that invests in developed and emerging equity markets. Since its launch in July 2011, Artico is growing its track record of investing in companies that are superior in terms of growth, profitability, balance sheet strength and valuation.

In recent years, Artico has added ESG criteria and a decarbonization target to its portfolio construction and aligned all its funds with the goals of the Paris Climate Agreement. In January 2023, Artico funds were classified under Article 9 SFDR and offer a unique combination of superior fundamental characteristics, very high ESG ratings and a low carbon footprint. Artico Partners Ltd is a signatory of the UN Principles for Responsible Investment (UNPRI).

Gabriel Herrera, CEO at Artico Partners, stated: "Investors can replace a higher proportion of their traditional investments with our sustainable equity funds to achieve a greater impact. This is because they do not compromise on investment performance or diversification." He is enthusiastic about the merger with Serafin Asset Management: "Serafin's corporate culture and its own growth ambitions make it an ideal strategic partnership. We will benefit greatly from the expansion of quantitative research resources, significant database synergies and access to new client segments as well as markets."

About Serafin Asset Management GmbH

[Serafin Asset Management GmbH](#) is an independent asset manager headquartered in Frankfurt am Main, which brings together experts from the finance and tech industries. The BaFin-regulated securities company offers specialized investment solutions for different market cycles, which enable additional resilience and growth. To this end, data and systematic processes are combined with the overview and diligence of fundamental investors. Serafin Asset Management GmbH currently employs more than 20 people from the fields of finance, mathematics, physics and economics. The managing directors are Dr Philipp Moritz Hetzer, Thorsten Ott and Frank Huwe.

About Serafin Asset Management Ltd

[Serafin Asset Management Ltd](#) based in Zug/Switzerland, manages six equity funds. The investment focus of the funds is on the three investment themes "Quality Innovation", "Quality Value" and "Precious Metals". Serafin Asset Management Ltd employs 14 people, including five portfolio managers and analysts, and is licensed by FINMA as a "manager of collective assets".

The family business Serafin Asset Management Holding GmbH was founded in 2021 by Philipp Haindl and Silvio Halsig. The operating companies of Serafin Asset Management Holding GmbH - Serafin Asset Management GmbH, Serafin Asset Management Ltd and Alpora AG - manage assets totaling around one billion euros (as of February 2023).

About Artico Partners Ltd

[Artico Partners Ltd](#), based in Zurich/Switzerland, consists of five founding partners and manages seven sustainable equity funds, all of which are classified as Article 9 SFDR. The systematic investment approach uniquely combines traditional fundamental selection criteria with high sustainability/ESG rating and very low carbon footprint requirements. Artico Partners Ltd is licensed by FINMA as a "manager of collective assets" and is a signatory of the UN Principles for Responsible Investment (UNPRI).

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