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Bank Sarasin's Annual General Meeting 2011: Dividend unchanged at CHF 0.90 – New Sustainability Report published

Yesterday the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of Shareholders of Bank Sarasin & Co. Ltd approved all the resolutions submitted by the Board of Directors. The dividend for the past financial year amounts to CHF 0.90 per Class B registered share. The German MP Dagmar G. Woehrl has been elected as a new member of the Board of Directors. Peter Derendinger and Hans-Rudolf Hufschmid were re-elected to the Board to serve an additional term. The Sustainability Report 2010 of the Sarasin Group was published to coincide with the AGM.

At the AGM the shareholders approved the annual report and the consolidated financial statements for 2010, as well as discharging the Board of Directors and Executive Committee. Shareholders approved an unchanged gross dividend of CHF 0.90 for the Class B registered share. The payment will actually be made on 12 April 2011. The dividend yield comes to 2.1% based on the closing price 2010 for the Class B registered share of Bank Sarasin & Co. Ltd. The AGM also acknowledged the report of the statutory and group auditors.

Christoph Ammann, Chairman of the Board of Directors of Bank Sarasin & Co. Ltd, in his speech on the strategy and the positioning of the bank:

“The corporate strategy we adopted some five years ago, which is based on future orientation and profitable growth, has proven its worth. The mainstays of our strategy have withstood the forces of market upheavals. We have set ourselves the goal of continuing to develop as a leading Swiss private bank with an international orientation. Our two brand values, sustainability and Swiss Private Banking, along with our operational independence, continue to be the central elements here.”

Joachim H. Straehle, CEO of Bank Sarasin & Co. Ltd, in his speech on the annual results 2010:

“When we announced our strategy back in 2006, along with our goals for 2010, no one could have guessed the unprecedented turmoil ahead of us. This makes it all the more gratifying that we still managed to beat our target of achieving assets under management of CHF 100 billion. The growth already achieved and the strong new money inflows testify to our excellent positioning for the future. They show that our clients both accept and appreciate who we are and what we do. We are committed to making sure we earn the trust placed in us.”

The shareholders also elected Dagmar G. Woehrl as a new member of the Board of Directors. Hans-Rudolf Hufschmid and Peter Derendinger were re-elected as board members up to 2014. The Chairman of the Board of Directors Christoph Ammann acknowledged the commendable services of Christian Brueckner and paid tribute to the Bank's recently deceased Vice-Chairman Hubertus Heemskerck. The shareholders also approved an application for a further two-year extension to the period for exercising the authorised capital. Finally, the shareholders confirmed the appointment of Ernst & Young AG as group auditors for another year.

Sustainability Report 2010: Positive performance and new targets

In 2010 Bank Sarasin updated and restructured its sustainability strategy and made it more focused by defining five key performance indicators and associated mid-term goals for each one. In

its Sustainability Report 2010, Bank Sarasin describes how it lives out sustainability in its daily activities. Bank Sarasin is the clear leader in sustainable investments in Switzerland, with a market share of 27%, and one of the leading providers in Europe as well. The value of assets managed sustainably by the Sarasin Group amounted to CHF 13.4 billion on 31 December 2010. By revamping its training and professional development programme across the entire Sarasin Group with the launch of the Development Forum, Bank Sarasin is setting new standards in personnel development. With this year's main theme of "Heritage", Bank Sarasin illustrates in its Sustainability Report how heritage ties in with responsibility and sustainability. When shaping our future, we need to look back to the past and respectfully pass on and develop established ideals and core values. This not only applies to families, but to cultures, institutions and even countries.

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The Sarasin Group has its roots as a leading Swiss private bank. As an international financial service provider committed to sustainability, the Group is now represented in more than 20 locations in Europe, the Middle East, and Asia. By end of December 2010 it managed total client assets of CHF 103.4 billion and employed around 1,600 staff. Its majority shareholder is the AAA-rated Dutch Rabobank.

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Bank Sarasin is a leading Swiss private bank whose many years of banking experience has made it consciously opt for sustainability as a key component of its corporate philosophy. It provides a high level of service and expertise when acting as investment advisor and asset manager for private and institutional clients. Within Switzerland, Sarasin has offices in Basel (head office), Berne, Geneva, Lugano, and Zurich. Bank Sarasin & Co. Ltd is listed on the SIX Swiss Exchange.