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## **Global Impact Investing Network Engages Third European Liaison, Ingo Weber**

December 3, 2012—The [Global Impact Investing Network \(GIIN\)](#) today announced it has engaged Ingo Weber as its newest [European Liaison](#). Mr. Weber is based in Zurich and will work with the impact investment communities in Switzerland, Germany, and Austria. Mr. Weber joins GIIN European Liaisons Harry Hummels, located in Amsterdam and working in the Netherlands, Belgium, and Luxembourg, and Susannah Nicklin, located in London and working with the impact investing community throughout the UK. Mr. Weber begins his formal engagement as a GIIN Liaison today.

“We are pleased to welcome Mr. Weber as the GIIN’s third Liaison, further deepening our connection with the growing community of impact investors in Europe,” said Luther Ragin, Jr., Chief Executive Officer of the GIIN. “Switzerland is an important hub in global asset management, and its involvement in the growing impact investing market is especially critical as clients increasingly seek investment opportunities that align with their social and environmental interests.”

While the GIIN has been working with European impact investors since its launch in 2009, the Liaisons further this involvement by providing a formal local presence through which the GIIN can expand support to Europe’s dynamic and growing impact investor community. The GIIN is the leading nonprofit organization dedicated to the development of a successful impact investing industry worldwide.

With a goal to broadly encourage collaboration between the European impact investor community and the GIIN, the three Liaisons are tasked with continued cultivation of strategic relationships with European networks and organizations, supporting European practitioner engagement with GIIN programs and resources, identifying opportunities to highlight European impact investment activity to the global community for shared learning, and contributing European perspectives to the GIIN’s strategy.

Mr. Weber is a passionate impact investor with more than 20 years of international investment and leadership experience. He is founder of Bridge Impact Capital Ltd. and serves as board member and advisor of various companies, foundations, and family offices. He is a member of the Investment Committee and part of the team that founded the LeapFrog Financial Inclusion Fund, the leading

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investor worldwide in companies that serve low-income people with insurance and related financial services. Most recently, he was Chief Financial Officer and Chief Operations Officer of a listed financial services firm and responsible for global corporate development at Swiss Re. He spent many years with GE Capital in a variety of leadership roles with responsibilities for Asia and Europe. Mr. Weber is also a founding advisory board member of Partnering for Global Impact, a leading platform for philanthropy and impact investments, and a Global Strategy Partner for Ashoka.

“Impact Investing is a powerful global movement and offers a new alternative for channeling private capital for social benefit,” said Mr. Weber. “We need capital and innovative entrepreneurs to tackle the world's most pressing problems, including poverty, health, education, and climate change.”

The current GIIN membership includes five organizations based in Switzerland: AlphaMundi Group, Lombard Odier & Cie, Medicines for Malaria Venture, Quadia Impact Finance, and UBS. UBS is also a member of the GIIN Investors’ Council, an invitation-only leadership group for collaboration and field-building among active large-scale impact investors. In addition to membership programming, the GIIN’s engagement with the European impact investment community to date includes attendance and presentations at industry events, case studies of exemplary impact investments and innovative investment practices, collaboration with local networks, joint research projects, and ongoing work to align and codify impact measurement best practices.

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## **About GIIN**

The Global Impact Investing Network (GIIN) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to increasing the scale and effectiveness of impact investing. Impact investments are investments made into companies, organizations, and funds with the intention to generate measurable social and environmental impact alongside a financial return. Impact investments can be made in both emerging and developed markets, and target a range of returns from below market to market rate, depending upon the circumstances. The GIIN builds critical infrastructure and supports activities, education, and research that help accelerate the development of a coherent impact investing industry. For more information, please visit [www.thegiin.org](http://www.thegiin.org).

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