

HBG Holdings Sponsors Annual Emerging Markets Private Equity Forum

November 28 – 29, 2007 The Landmark Hotel, London – HBG Holdings, the UAE-based investment firm specializing in private equity and real estate investments in the Middle East and South Asia was a proud supporter of this year's Annual Emerging Markets Private Equity Forum.



Zulfi Hydari, Co-Founder and Managing Director of HBG Holdings, was asked to speak at the conference and was joined on his panel by (1) *Boris Fedorov*, Senior Managing Partner, UFG Private Equity and former Finance and Tax Minister of Russia, (2) *Sev Vettivetpillai*, Chief Executive Officer of Aureos Advisers Limited (AAL), (3) *Thomas Smith*, Managing Director, Lombard Investments and (4) *Matthew Judd*, Partner at White & Case.

The panel was moderated by Matthew Judd and focused on how private equity managers evolve strategically in emerging markets. Mr. Hydari spoke of his experience in private equity in the MENASA and his views on how the market will develop in the next five years.

Also at the event were HBG Board Members, H.E. Abdallah Y. Al-Mouallimi, Imtiaz H. Hydari and Zahi W. Khouri.

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Notes to Editors:

HBG Holdings (HBG) is a leading investment firm specializing in private equity and real estate investments in the Middle East, North Africa and South Asia. The shareholder base of the firm includes the region's leading private and institutional investors.

The firm pursues investment strategy focused on acquiring controlling interests in companies that provide significant opportunity for operational enhancement, financial restructuring and regional expansion. Its value creation model is unique in that it requires significant post acquisition operational involvement from the firm's management.

The firm has specialist expertise in a range of fields including consumer goods, finance, logistics, petrochemicals, energy and real estate and boasts a team with significant investment and private equity experience in the region.