

Bench International Expands Presence in Europe with Opening of Offices in Switzerland

- Global capabilities enhanced with new European offices
- Tobias Ernberg joins Bench's executive team to lead operations in Switzerland

GENEVA, CH and LOS ANGELES, CA, August 30, 2011 – Bench International, a global, milestone-based, performance-driven executive recruiting and consulting firm serving the life sciences industry, recently opened new offices in Geneva and Zurich, Switzerland consistent with its global growth strategy. The offices are strategically placed to serve Switzerland's main linguistic regions. They will be closely aligned with Bench's European headquarters in London to effectively and efficiently serve life sciences clients operating throughout the continent.

"Expanding our physical presence in Europe enables Bench to better partner with our clients, as critical business functions continue to evolve into cross-border roles," said Denise (DeeDee) DeMan, founder, chairman, and chief executive officer of Bench. "Our global offices and team embody the diversity that our clients need in candidates."

Tobias (Toby) Ernberg has been hired to head the Swiss offices and joins Bench's executive team as a senior vice president. He previously held key positions at multinational companies, including Novartis, Vestergaard Frandsen, and Reuters. He brings to Bench more than 15 years of experience in areas such as consumer health and management consulting.

"Toby's expertise is invaluable as we grow and fulfill the executive recruitment needs of diverse, global life sciences companies that operate in an environment where skill sets and industry business practices are increasingly transferable across geographies," said Janet Foulkes, global senior vice president and head of Europe for Bench.

"I'm excited to be leading Bench's European expansion into Switzerland," said Toby Ernberg. "Working closely with Bench's global team of seasoned professionals, I look forward to developing our business, growing into new areas, and contributing to global retained searches."

Bench's Swiss offices are cantonal and State Secretariat for Economic Affairs (SECO)-certified, which authorizes Bench to work with Swiss-based companies and permits it to undertake cross-border placements.

About Bench International

Bench International specializes exclusively in providing senior talent to the global life sciences sector. Bench's multinational team of accomplished recruitment professionals, each equipped with long-standing in-depth life science industry experience, has successfully met client needs for executive leadership since the firm's founding in 1974. In addition to its Los Angeles headquarters facility, Bench maintains offices in New York, the United Kingdom and Switzerland. For more information, visit www.benchinternational.com.