

NEWS RELEASE



Evolve successfully places new shares

Reinach, Switzerland, 26 February 2014 - Evolve Holding SA (SIX: EVE, "Evolve" or the "Company") has successfully completed its placement of shares which was announced yesterday. Evolve has sold 27,000,000 new shares via an accelerated bookbuild process by way of a private placement in Switzerland and outside of Switzerland in accordance with applicable securities laws. The shares have been placed at a price of CHF 1.37 per share, representing a discount of 4.9% to the closing price of 25 February 2014.

In addition, the Company has granted Credit Suisse, who is acting as Sole Bookrunner in the private placement, an over-allotment option of up to 4,050,000 additional shares which can be exercised within 30 days after the first trading day of the new shares on SIX Swiss Exchange.

For further information on the private placement, [please click here](#). In accordance with applicable securities laws in the respective jurisdictions, this is only available for Swiss residents who are physically located in Switzerland.

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About Evolve

Evolve is a pioneer and global leader in sustainable, fermentation-based approaches to ingredients for health, wellness and nutrition. Evolve's products include stevia, vanilla, saffron and resveratrol. As well as developing its own proprietary ingredients, Evolve also deploys its technology for partners, providing them with a competitive edge and sharing in the returns they make. For more information see www.evolve.com.

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