



Dörte Höppner appointed Secretary-General of EVCA

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The Board of EVCA today announced its decision to appoint Dörte Höppner as Secretary-General of the European Private Equity & Venture Capital Association (EVCA), following the departure of Javier Echarri at the end of the year.

Dörte is currently Managing Director of the German private equity and venture capital association, the Berlin-based BVK. She has been an active member of the EVCA's 12-strong Public Affairs Executive (PAE) since its inception.

In addition, Dörte is a member of the advisory board to the German Federal Minister of Education and Research, where she holds responsibility for "financing of innovation". Before joining the BVK, Dörte was head of communications at Germany's largest and most influential think-tank, the German Institute of Economic Research, (DIW Berlin).

Commenting on the appointment, EVCA Chairwoman, Uli Fricke said: "I am delighted that Dörte has agreed to join EVCA. Her familiarity with our industry means she is well placed to deliver the results that matter to members. Combined with her skills in communications and relationship building at both national and EU level, she will continue to be a major asset for the whole industry. I would like to thank Javier Echarri for the outstanding job he has done over the past 11 years, most of it at the helm of EVCA. We wish him the very best."

Richard Wilson, past-EVCA chairman and Apax senior partner said: "Dörte brings frontline experience of our EU-level campaign around the AIFM Directive. Her ability to articulate our industry's issues and her understanding of EVCA members' requirements, will put EVCA on the firmest possible footing."

Commenting on her forthcoming appointment, Dörte Höppner said: "I am looking forward to joining EVCA in early 2011. As a newly regulated industry at EU level, we must build on the respected position EVCA holds among policymakers, to ensure that we are seen as a trusted partner in issues ranging from finance for innovation and corporate governance to responsible investment. It is also crucial that we communicate to our broader stakeholder base the vital contribution that private equity and venture capital makes to Europe's economic well-being."

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