



# Media Release

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## Avectris sold to GIA Informatik AG

**The IT service provider Avectris, a subsidiary of Axpo, EKZ and AEW, has a new owner: Effective immediately, GIA Informatik AG, with headquarters in Oftringen, will take over the IT company which concentrates on the Swiss SME market.**

In recent months, Axpo, EKZ and AEW examined various strategic options for the successful development of their IT subsidiary Avectris. The company, which achieved its best result since its founding in financial year 2019/20, will now have new opportunities for further growth.

An agreement for the sale of Avectris was reached with GIA Informatik AG. GIA Informatik AG, a fully owned subsidiary of GRAPH-Holding based in Hergiswil, currently employs about 135 people. The company operates two data centres and specialises in the development and operation of solutions in the areas of ERP (SAP partner), IT services with own cloud infrastructure, and product development on the Swiss SME market.

The transaction was finalised today. The parties have agreed not to disclose details regarding the sales price.

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**About Axpo:** Axpo is Switzerland's largest producer of renewable energy and an international leader in energy trading and the marketing of solar and wind power. 5000 employees combine experience and expertise with a passion for innovation. Axpo develops innovative energy solutions based on state-of-the-art technologies for its customers in over 40 countries in Europe, North America and Asia.

**About EKZ:** EKZ is one of the biggest energy suppliers in Switzerland, supplying around one million people with electricity – reliably, ecologically and inexpensively. The EKZ Group employs around 1300 personnel who are dedicated to achieving a sustainable energy future – through products obtained from 100% renewable energy sources, the consistent expansion of wind, hydro and solar power, and smart technologies. EKZ plans, constructs and maintains a power grid of about 15 000 km that is notable for its above-average availability of 99.998 percent. EKZ customers include private individuals, businesses and other Swiss energy suppliers. As one of the largest vocational education enterprises in the Canton of Zurich, EKZ trains around 140 personnel each year in nine teaching professions to be the specialists of tomorrow.

**About AEW:** AEW Energie AG is an independent company in the Canton of Aargau. Through reliable, climate-friendly energy supply, AEW makes a significant contribution the attractiveness and quality of life in the region. As an integrated energy services provider, AEW is primarily active in the Canton of Aargau with the production of electricity and heat/cooling, as well as a leading grid operator and supplier to its

customers. The company concentrates on hydropower as well as solar and wind energy for electricity production. In addition, it offers services for grid and energy-related areas, for example, electro-mobility, building energy management and telecommunications. Furthermore, AEW focuses on digital processes as well as participations and partnerships.