

Press Release

## **Patrimonium Private Equity Advisors: Sale of SMB Holding SA to Marle International Holding (“Marle”) successfully completed**

Zürich, 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2017 – SMB Holding SA (SMB), a well-established manufacturer of tailor-made forged orthopaedic implants based in Switzerland, joins Marle International Holding (“Marle”), the leading European orthopaedic manufacturer. Patrimonium Private Equity Advisors AG (“PPEA”), the independent Swiss alternative asset management company, collectively advised the shareholders of SMB throughout the entire sales process. The transaction was closed on 27 July 2017. The parties have agreed not to disclose the purchase price of the transaction.

Marle’s acquisition of SMB represents a landmark transaction in the ongoing consolidation process of the European medical contract manufacturing industry. The enlarged Group consolidates its rank amongst the top three contract manufacturers for orthopaedic implants worldwide and secures long-term prospects of both brands. The solid financial support from Marle’s shareholders, controlled by funds advised by IK Investment Partners and Carlyle Europe Technology, will enable investing substantial amount into new technologies and continuous innovation.

Werner Schnorf of PPEA commented: “The integration of SMB into Marle is beneficial to both companies and allows fostering the respective market position.” The ZM Opportunity II LP fund, former majority shareholder of SMB, now holds participations in two Swiss companies, namely Bauwerk Boen AG and CCS Group Holding. The fund is advised by Patrimonium Private Equity Advisors, a subsidiary of Patrimonium Asset Management AG.

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### ***About SMB Medical***

SMB Medical has a history of almost 30 years in the production of orthopaedic and osteosynthesis implants in all available medical grade titanium alloys, cobalt chrome alloys and stainless steels. It uses state-of-the-art technology of forging, machining and finishing processes to develop custom solutions for its clients in the orthopaedic market. For more information, visit [www.smb-medical.com](http://www.smb-medical.com)

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