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Deal Announcement: ESG Consulting / Reporting

H.C.F. exclusively advises the shareholders of akzente kommunikation und beratung gmbh on the sale of their shares to Accenture Holding GmbH & Co. KG.

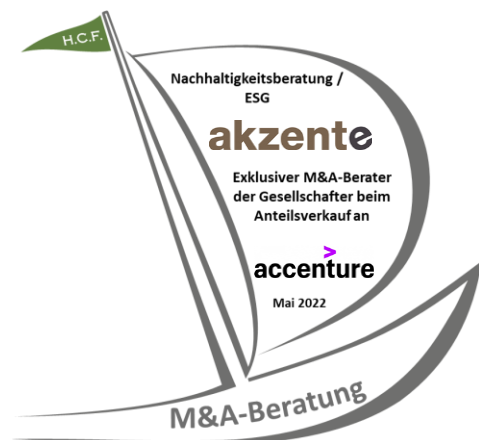
Akzente is a leading sustainability consultancy based in Munich and has been supporting companies, organizations and brands for 25 years in their efforts to shape their future in a sustainable manner. Akzente supports its clients from a wide range of industries in comprehensively integrating sustainability into their core business operations and create sustainable added value for all stakeholders. As a pioneer in sustainability consulting, Akzente is well known to be on the cutting edge of the fast-growing sustainability/ESG market.

Accenture Plc is headquartered in Dublin, Ireland, and is one of the world's largest business and strategy consulting firms focused on technology and outsourcing services. Accenture brings experience and specialization from more than 40 business sectors and 120 countries, employing more than 650'000 people. Its range of service offerings include Strategy & Consulting, Interactive, Technology and Operations.

Accenture's size and commitment to sustainability will enable akzente to extend its services to new, and above all international, clients across different industries and regions. Together, the two companies aim to become the leading sustainability consultancy in Europe and make sustainability a key success factor for companies.

With akzente, Accenture is further expanding its Sustainability Services and its portfolio of services related to sustainable business development. Accenture aims to support its clients in making their international value chains more resilient and driving innovation at the interface of physical and digital aspects of sustainability. The parties have agreed not to disclose further details of the transaction.

H.C.F. Hanse Corporate Finance GmbH acted as exclusive M&A and corporate finance advisor to the shareholders in a strictly limited sales process.



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