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## **Press Release**

### **goetzpartners advises the founder shareholders of The Chart Show Group in the investment by Veronis Suhler Stevenson**

Veronis Suhler Stevenson (VSS) has completed an investment in The Chart Show Group. Deal particulars were not disclosed. David Docherty, who held key positions at the BBC as Deputy Director of TV and Director of New Media, has been appointed CEO. Previous management Keith Macmillan and Gail Boardman, who remain as major shareholders, join the Supervisory Board.

Keith Macmillan said: "We are extremely pleased to have VSS as an investor in our company and with the fact that David Docherty is taking over as CEO. David has a long standing successful career in the TV broadcasting industry and brings the right experience to take Chart Show to the next level. goetzpartners, our exclusive financial adviser, was instrumental in bringing us together with VSS and David Docherty, and to guide us towards a successful transaction."

#### **About The Chart Show Group:**

The Chart Show Group is one of the UK's leading privately-owned digital satellite broadcasters operating ten channels – six music, two movie and two children's channels. Keith Macmillan founded the Chart Show brand in the mid-1980s as a popular weekly music show which ran for over 13 years on terrestrial TV until 1998. In 2002, Keith Macmillan and his business partner Gail Boardman founded The Chart Show Group to develop the Chart Show brand on digital satellite TV. Their proposition was to develop a portfolio of niche channels by leveraging the scalability of their proven TV broadcasting model.

#### **About Veronis Suhler Stevenson:**

Veronis Suhler Stevenson ([www.vss.com](http://www.vss.com)) is a private equity and mezzanine capital fund management company dedicated to investing in the media, communications, information and education industries in North America and Europe. To date, VSS equity and mezzanine funds have invested in 48 platform companies, which have in turn completed over 220 add-on acquisitions resulting in a portfolio with realized and unrealized enterprise values totalling over \$9.1 billion.

#### **About goetzpartners:**

With a team of 150 investment bankers and consultants in Germany, France, the UK, Spain and the Czech Republic, goetzpartners is a leading independent European advisory firm offering M&A services through goetzpartners CORPORATE FINANCE and consulting services through goetzpartners MANAGEMENT CONSULTANTS.

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