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Since 2006, Mr. Langer has been Partner at global private equity firm, The Riverside Company. Having previously built the firm's pan-European origination team, Mr. Langer now leads the firm's investment and portfolio management operations in the Benelux countries and France. Prior to Riverside, Mr. Langer was Managing Partner of an independent corporate finance firm in Brussels, advising on numerous transactions across Europe for blue-chip multinationals and private equity firms. He also spent five years with GE Capital Europe, including as Chief Operating Officer of TIP and Modular Space, and in corporate business development. Mr. Langer started his career with Danske Bank in Copenhagen. He holds a BSc (econ) from the Copenhagen Business School and a Masters in Management from EAP – European School of Management (now ESCP Europe), and speaks English, French, Danish, German, Portuguese and basic Dutch. Mr. Langer is currently Chairman of the EVCA (European Private Equity and Venture Capital Association), for the year until June 2012.

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