



Press release

Swiss security and encryption company strengthens resources

## **Qnective appoints Thomas Whyne as Chief Development Officer**

Zurich, 21 September 2015 – **Qnective announced today that Thomas F. Whyne, former Managing Director of Rothschild, will join the company as Chief Development Officer. Whyne is a leading M&A specialist based in the US with more than 23 years of experience providing strategic advice to many of the world's largest technology, media and telecommunication companies. Before joining Rothschild in 2013, he was a Managing Director at Morgan Stanley, Bank of America and Credit Suisse. Some of his recent transactions include advising on Alibaba Group's 25bn USD IPO, Intel's 1.5bn USD strategic investment in Spreadtrum Communications and RDA Microelectronics, Level 3 Communications' 5.7bn USD acquisition of tw telecom and DigitalGlobe's 1.3bn USD acquisition of GeoEye. Qnective is a leading Swiss provider of secure mobile telecommunication and public safety solutions.**

Whyne will work for Qnective in the position of the Chief Development Officer, driving the business and partner strategy of the Swiss security and encryption leader. He has worked extensively with the CEO and founder of the company as well as with the board of directors of Qnective over the last year as the company's lead financial advisor while at Rothschild. Qnective's CEO Oswald Ortiz said: «We are delighted to be able to continue working with Tom. Qnective will benefit extensively from his vast experience and his success in advising leading technology and telecommunication companies.» Tom Whyne stated: «Having worked closely with the CEO and founder as well as with the board of Qnective as a financial advisor, I am excited to become part of the Qnective management team given the company's significant growth prospects and strategic opportunities.»

### **Qnective: public safety solutions for governments and enterprises**

The Swiss telecommunications company has several products for secure mobile communications. Their product lines are suitable for governmental and military organisations and for enterprises. The Qtalk communication suite is a highly encrypted application. Using a standard smartphone, the solution encrypts voice calls, text messages and any file and phone book information end-to-end as well as with a second layer of encryption, using TLS. Qnective has subsidiary offices in Muscat (Oman), Singapore, Jakarta and Lugano (Switzerland). In close collaboration with industry partners, the Swiss company leads the development and deployment of secure telecommunication projects all around the world.

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#### **About Qnective**

Qnective ([www.qnective.com](http://www.qnective.com)) was founded in Switzerland in 2007. The company is headquartered in Zurich with offices in Muscat (Oman), Singapore, Jakarta (Indonesia) and Lugano (Switzerland). Qnective offers secure communication services for governments, public safety organisations and large-scale enterprises. The company maintains a Swiss made, unique proprietary encrypted platform for telephony and communication services with mobile devices. Qnective's infrastructure department delivers tailor-made solutions covering the design, development and deployment of maritime and terrestrial security and surveillance networks.

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