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A New Category for European Capital Markets

Introducing ECI Capital Markets Intelligence

Embera Partners and Captrace Launch ECI to Establish a New Standard for continuous Capital Markets Intelligence Across Europe

ECI combines proprietary technology, ownership intelligence and strategic capital markets expertise to help companies make better capital markets decisions and maximise long-term shareholder value.

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Capital markets are changing fundamentally.

Ownership structures have become increasingly dynamic, investor expectations continue to rise, shareholder activism has become more sophisticated and regulatory requirements more demanding. At the same time, boards and management teams are expected to make faster, better-informed decisions in increasingly complex capital markets environments.

Against this backdrop, **Embera Partners and Captrace today announce the launch of ECI – Embera Captrace Intelligence GmbH**, a jointly established Capital Markets Intelligence platform designed to redefine how listed companies understand, analyse and actively shape their ownership structures.

ECI represents considerably more than the launch of a new business. It reflects a shared conviction that ongoing **Capital Markets Intelligence is emerging as a new strategic discipline** within modern capital markets.

Built on Captrace's proven technology platform and Embera Partners' experience in shareholder intelligence and strategic advisory, ECI combines proprietary technology, ownership intelligence, advanced analytics and capital markets know-how within a single integrated platform.

Rather than simply delivering shareholder data, ECI transforms ownership information into actionable intelligence, enabling companies to better understand investor behaviour, anticipate shareholder dynamics and make more informed strategic decisions, if necessary, almost real-time.

From Data to Capital Markets Intelligence

For many years, shareholder identification has primarily been viewed as an operational or regulatory exercise.

Today's capital markets require considerably more.

Companies increasingly need to understand not only who owns their shares, but why investors behave the way they do, how ownership structures evolve over time, where strategic risks arise and how shareholder engagement can actively contribute to long-term value creation. Activating any shareholder group, from retail investors, to active and passive investors as well as hedge funds, to ensure corresponding support for the different capital markets use cases will be key for corporates, irrespective of their size and industry.

ECI has been created to deliver exactly this capability.

The platform combines scalable technology, advanced analytics, AI-supported insights and deep capital markets expertise to support shareholder strategy, investor relations, corporate governance, annual general meetings, shareholder engagement, retail-activation, activism defence, mergers and acquisitions, special situations and regulatory and tax-reporting, including Germany's forthcoming MiKaDiV framework.

A Platform Designed for the Entire Capital Markets Ecosystem

ECI has deliberately been designed as an independent Capital Markets Intelligence platform. Its intelligence is available not only to listed companies, but also to shareholders, private equity investors, investment banks, law firms, communications advisers and other capital markets participants requiring sophisticated ownership intelligence.

Rather than replacing existing advisers, ECI strengthens the wider capital markets ecosystem by providing an independent intelligence layer that enhances strategic decision-making across all ownership-related situations.

Building the Next Generation Capital Markets Platform

The establishment of ECI also represents an important milestone in Embera Partners' long-term strategy.

Embera has built an integrated advisory model combining proprietary Capital Markets Intelligence, senior strategic advisory and hands-on execution.

The firm advises listed companies, boards, shareholders and private equity investors across shareholder strategy and activation, investor relations, corporate governance, mergers & acquisitions, activism defence, equity capital markets and broader value creation initiatives.

Working alongside management teams and multidisciplinary transaction teams, Embera frequently acts as the strategic integration partner, collaborating with and coordinating investment banks, legal advisers, communications specialists and other stakeholders to improve execution quality and maximise long-term shareholder value.

ECI provides the proprietary intelligence platform supporting this broader advisory model while remaining fully independent and available across the wider European and Emerging Markets capital markets community.

Complementary Strengths

The creation of ECI builds on the complementary strengths of both founding partners.

Captrace contributes one of Germany's leading shareholder identification platforms, extensive register expertise and highly scalable technology infrastructure.

Embera Partners contributes deep expertise in shareholder strategy, ownership intelligence, investor relations, governance advisory, shareholder engagement, activism defence, mergers & acquisitions and complex capital markets situations.

Together, the two organisations are establishing a platform designed not simply to deliver better data—but to create a new benchmark for Capital Markets Intelligence in Europe.

Andreas Posavac, Managing Partner of Embera Partners and Co-Managing Director of ECI, commented:

“Capital markets have become significantly more dynamic over the past decade. Ownership structures evolve continuously, investors have become increasingly specialised and companies require better intelligence to make better strategic decisions.

We believe high-quality and timely Capital Markets Intelligence will become a core strategic capability for every listed company.

ECI combines proprietary technology, ownership intelligence and senior advisory expertise to help clients better understand ownership structures, anticipate investor behaviour and actively shape capital markets outcomes.

Whether supporting an AGM, preparing an IPO, executing an acquisition, defending against shareholder activism or improving investor engagement, our objective remains the same: helping clients maximise long-term shareholder value through better intelligence, better strategy and better execution.”

Götz Dickert, Managing Director of Captrace and Co-Managing Director of ECI, said:

“For many years Captrace has invested in developing one of Germany's leading shareholder identification and ownership data platforms. Throughout that journey it became increasingly clear that technology alone is no longer enough.

The greatest value lies not in collecting ownership data, but in transforming ownership information into strategic intelligence.

The establishment of ECI represents the natural next step. By combining Captrace's technology, data infrastructure and operational expertise with Embera's strategic capital markets advisory capabilities, we are creating a platform that delivers substantially greater value than either organisation could provide independently.

Together, we are establishing a new benchmark for Capital Markets Intelligence across Europe.”

Looking Ahead

ECI has been established with the ambition of becoming one of Europe's leading independent Capital Markets Intelligence platforms.

The company will continue investing in proprietary technology, artificial intelligence, ownership analytics and new intelligence solutions supporting increasingly sophisticated capital markets requirements across Europe and selected international markets.

As capital markets continue to evolve, Embera Partners and Captrace believe that continuous Capital Markets Intelligence will become an increasingly important strategic capability for companies seeking to strengthen shareholder engagement, optimise ownership structures and maximise long-term shareholder value.

About ECI

ECI – **Embera Captrace Intelligence** – is an independent Capital Markets Intelligence platform jointly established by Embera Partners and Captrace.

The company combines proprietary technology, ownership intelligence, advanced analytics and strategic capital markets expertise to provide listed companies, shareholders, private equity investors and their advisers with actionable intelligence across shareholder strategy, investor relations, corporate governance, shareholder engagement, activism defence, mergers & acquisitions, annual general meeting preparation and regulatory reporting.

Its mission is to transform ownership data into strategic intelligence, enabling clients to make better capital markets decisions and create sustainable shareholder value.

www.eci-intelligence.com

About Embera Partners

Embera Partners is a **strategic capital markets partner** helping listed companies, shareholders and private equity investors maximise long-term shareholder value.

Combining proprietary **Capital Markets Intelligence**, advanced data and AI capabilities with senior advisory expertise, Embera supports clients across shareholder strategy, investor relations, corporate governance, shareholder engagement, mergers & acquisitions, activism defence and equity capital markets.

Its integrated approach combines **Intelligence. Strategy. Performance.** helping clients better understand ownership structures, optimise capital markets positioning and successfully execute complex strategic initiatives.

Working alongside boards, executive management teams, investment banks, law firms and communications advisers, Embera acts as an independent strategic partner coordinating multidisciplinary teams and transforming intelligence into measurable shareholder outcomes.

Today, Embera Partners is one of the leading independent Capital Markets Intelligence and shareholder strategy advisers across the DACH region and Europe.

About Captrace

Captrace is one of Germany's leading providers of share register management, AGM services and shareholder identification technology.

The company manages more than 80 share registers and has developed one of Germany's leading ownership data infrastructures, providing highly scalable technology solutions for listed companies and capital markets participants.

As co-founder of ECI, Captrace contributes its proprietary technology platform, share register expertise and decades of experience in ownership data infrastructure, providing the technological backbone of ECI's Capital Markets Intelligence platform.

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