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#### Probiodrug accomplishes Initial Public Offering at Amsterdam's Euronext

Probiodrug, a privately held company in the portfolio of HBM Healthcare Investments, last week announced the successful completion of the intended initial public offering (IPO). The company raised a total of EUR 22.5 million through the issuance of approximately 1.5 million shares at a price of EUR 15.25. Trading of the shares on the Euronext Stock Exchange in Amsterdam will start today under the symbol "PBD".

HBM Healthcare Investments holds approximately 767'000 shares or 11.4% of the company after completion of the IPO. On the basis of the issue price of EUR 15.25 per share, the carrying value of the investment in Probiodrug increases by almost EUR 4.7 million to EUR 11.7 million. Hence the net asset value per HBM-share (NAV) increased by CHF 0.60 and reached a new high of over CHF 124 per share as per 24 October 2014.

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### **About Probiodrug**

Probiodrug AG, headquartered in Halle, Germany, is a biopharmaceutical company with a focus on the development of new therapeutic approaches for the treatment of Alzheimer's disease. The development approach of the company is aimed at a reduction of pyroglutamate-Abeta (pyroGlu-Abeta) to fight Alzheimer's. The clinical development of most advanced compound PQ912 is about to enter Phase 2a.

### About Alzheimer's disease

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Alzheimer's disease is a neurological degenerative disease and the most common form of dementia. Since Alzheimer's cannot be cured yet and as the neuronal degradation process progresses, affected patients increasingly need help of other people. Today, 35 million people

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worldwide are living in this situation, and it is assumed that this number will double by 2030 and triple by 2050 (World Alzheimer Report 2013).

#### Information on HBM Healthcare Investments Ltd

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