

Press release

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Equens opens branch office in London

Utrecht, 19 September 2011 – Equens SE, one of the largest payment and card processors in Europe, today announced the forthcoming opening of a branch office in London (UK). The opening in October this year will be a next step in Equens' strategy of further European growth with the aim of gaining a stronger foothold in the UK. Being locally present enables Equens to better fulfil its clients' needs.

Michael Steinbach, Chairman of the Board of Directors of Equens SE: "We clearly pursue a strategy of European growth. Therefore, we are glad to announce the opening of a branch office in London in October this year. As we consider the UK as one of the key markets for the payments and cards business in Europe, it is a logical step in our expansion within Europe. The presence in the heart of the UK market will allow us to better support and be closer to our clients."

Equens is constantly looking for new opportunities and new markets. In the UK, Equens would like to attract new clients for back office processing of UK domestic, currency and SEPA payments. In addition to the SEPA back-office processing, Equens offers, with its SEPA CSM services, a compliant and easy to use clearing solution for SEPA payments.

Since the beginning of 2011, Equens is a member of the UK payments council and since September 2011 affiliate member of BACS, a UK scheme for the electronic processing of financial transactions. These memberships underline Equens' commitment to the UK payments market.

After the opening of the Finland office in Helsinki in 2007, the branch office in the UK will be the second office outside of Equens' home markets in the Netherlands, Germany and Italy.

Note for the editorial staff

About Equens

Equens SE is one of the largest payment processors in Europe, leading the market for future-proof payment and card solutions. Thanks to an extensive and competitive range of services, the company seamlessly meets the requirements and wishes of the European payments market. Equens supports the development of a single, uniform European payments market (SEPA), and is dedicated to the standardisation and harmonisation of European and global payments. With clients and partnerships in multiple European countries, the company offers pan-European market coverage from offices in four countries – the Netherlands, Germany, Italy and Finland. With an annual processing volume of 9.7 billion payments and 3.9 billion POS and ATM transactions, Equens SE has a European market share of more than 12.5%.

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