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## Klaus J. Jacobs acquires 6.8 million shares of Adecco S.A. from Jacobs Holding AG

Value of the transaction is CHF 405 million, equivalent to 3.6% of Adecco's share capital

**Chéserey, Switzerland – September 15, 2005:** Adecco S.A., the world leader in Human Resource services, announced today that Klaus J. Jacobs, Co-Chairman of the Board of Directors of Adecco S.A., has acquired 6'770'311 shares of the company from Jacobs Holding AG, the investment arm of the charitable Jacobs Foundation, for CHF 59.82 per share.

“With this investment, I confirm my commitment to Adecco and its growth opportunities in the future”, said Klaus J. Jacobs. With this transaction, Jacobs Holding AG is reducing its participation from 11.7% to 8.1%. Klaus J. Jacobs' personal holding is now approximately 7 million shares.

### About Adecco

Adecco S.A. is a Fortune Global 500 company and the global leader in HR services. The Adecco Group network connects up to **700,000 associates** with business clients each day through its network of **32,000 employees** and over **6,500 offices** in **70** countries and territories around the world. Registered in Switzerland, and managed by a multinational team with expertise in markets spanning the globe, the Adecco Group delivers an unparalleled range of flexible staffing and career resources to corporate clients and qualified associates.

The Adecco Group comprises three Divisions: **Adecco Staffing**, **Ajilon Professional** and **LHH Career Services**. In Adecco Staffing, the Adecco network focuses on flexible staffing solutions for global industries in transition, including automotive, banking, electronics, logistics and telecommunications; Ajilon Professional offers an unrivalled range of specialised branded businesses; LHH Career Services encompasses our portfolio of outplacement and coaching consultancy businesses.

Adecco S.A. is registered in Switzerland (ISIN: CH0012138605) and listed on the Swiss Stock Exchange with trading on Virt-x (SWX/VIRT-X: ADEN), the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE: ADO) and Euronext Paris - Premier Marché (EURONEXT: ADE).

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