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## MEDIA RELEASE

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### **Lombard Odier invests in leading Swiss Fintech, Taurus**

Lombard Odier Group has today announced an investment and partnership with Taurus, a leading Swiss provider of digital infrastructure for banks, asset managers and stock exchanges that specializes in blockchain and digital asset solutions.

Blockchain is playing an increasingly important role in revolutionising many aspects of the economy and banking services, making it essential to identify and leverage innovative technologies.

Lombard Odier has a long-standing strategic approach to remain at the forefront of technological developments by investing heavily in its own proprietary banking technology and by integrating client-centric digital solutions. We also provide our industry-leading banking technology as a service to other financial institutions.

**Alexandre Zeller, Managing Partner and Head of Technology and Operations at Lombard Odier, commented,** *“Lombard Odier has always taken a strategic approach to building its own proprietary banking technology and fostering innovation. Through this engagement, we are confident that Lombard Odier will remain at the forefront of technological developments in the field of Blockchain and digital assets, enhancing our offering for clients and third parties using our platform.”*

In addition to building its own technology, Lombard Odier consistently engages with fintechs and integrates new technologies.

In 2017, the investment management division of Lombard Odier completed its first bond transaction using blockchain. The purchase of catastrophe bonds was among the first secondary market transactions completed on blockchain.

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## About Lombard Odier

Lombard Odier is a leading global wealth and asset manager. For over 220 years and through 40 financial crises the Group has combined innovation and prudence to align itself with the long-term interests of private and institutional clients. The Group is solely owned by its Managing Partners, has a highly liquid balance sheet and is well capitalized with a CET1 ratio of 29.8% and a Fitch rating of AA-.

Lombard Odier provides a complete offering of wealth services, including succession planning, discretionary and advisory portfolio management, and custody. Asset management services are offered through Lombard Odier Investment Managers (LOIM). The Group has also created cutting-edge banking technology, which is distributed to other financial institutions.

The Group had total client assets of CHF 299 billion at 31 December 2019. Headquartered in Geneva since 1796, at end-December the Group had 28 offices in 24 jurisdictions and employed 2,500 people.

For more information: [www.lombardodier.com](http://www.lombardodier.com)

## About Taurus

Taurus Group SA is a company, created in April 2018 in Geneva, specialized in digital assets and blockchain. It was founded by senior executives from the banking, asset management, regulatory, technology and cybersecurity areas. Taurus offers enterprise-grade digital assets market infrastructure solutions and financial services to institutional clients.

Learn more on [www.taurusgroup.ch](http://www.taurusgroup.ch)

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