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## MEDIA RELEASE

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### **Lombard Odier partners with Access To Water for new impact solution**

Lombard Odier Group has launched a new impact investment solution, in partnership with Access To Water, to support water accessibility and quality in rural Senegal.

The new solution reflects the growing appetite from clients for investments that deliver real world impact, whilst also delivering financial returns.

Access To Water is a Swiss foundation committed to improving access to drinking water in regions hit by water stress. It supports research and development of ecofriendly water solutions in partnership with Ecole Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne (EPFL). Lombard Odier's partnership with Access To Water is further evidence of its commitment to fostering sustainable investment outcomes that support a more circular economy.

This new investment solution will aim to support the distribution of 60 million liters of clean water per year fulfilling the daily needs of over 83' 500 people, and provide water efficiency, better resource management, improved sustainable water practices and better sanitation to communities in Senegal that suffer from low water attainment and quality.

**Stéphane Monier, CIO at Lombard Odier, commented;** *“At Lombard Odier we believe in the pressing need for a restructuring of our economic model, which is built on unsustainable foundations. We must transition to a more sustainable and regenerative future based on a Circular, Lean, Inclusive and Clean (CLIC™) model. Our partnership with Access To Water directly supports this aim, by helping to achieve the universal human right of clean and accessible water. We firmly believe that this new solution has the power to make a meaningful contribution to that effect”.*

**Renaud de Watteville, founder of Access To Water, added;** *“Since we embarked on our mission in 2012, our ultimate aim has always been to improve access to drinking water in areas of water stress. We wholeheartedly believe in the necessity to build an equitable and regenerative society, by eradicating water poverty and protecting rural environments for generations to come. Lombard Odier is a fellow innovator that also subscribes to our view around fair society and sustainability. Accordingly, we are thrilled to embark on this new partnership and look forward to working closely to deliver sustainable outcomes.”*

This is the fourth project of its kind from Lombard Odier, following the support given in 2019 to ReforestAction, which helped finance the planting of 20,000 trees in Tanzania and Peru, and the collaboration on two impact solutions in 2020 with Plastic Bank, through which it has funded the collection of more than 1,100 tons of ocean-bound plastic, whilst directly supporting over 3,500 children in collector communities with educational bursaries.

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Lombard Odier is a leading global wealth and asset manager. For 225 years and through more than 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 and has a strong, liquid and conservatively invested balance sheet with a CET1 ratio of 29.7% 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 created cutting-edge banking technology, which is also leveraged by other Swiss and European based private banks and financial institutions.

The Group had total client assets of CHF 316 billion at 31 December 2020. Headquartered in Geneva since 1796, at end-December the Group had 30 offices in 24 jurisdictions and employed 2,560 people.

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## About Access To Water

Access To Water (A2W) is a Swiss foundation, recognized as being of public utility. It is involved with projects, which help with the access to drinking water. Its main office is based at École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne (EPFL). The technical solutions focus on proposing a maintenance concept and a responsible business model, so that the proposed solutions are sustainable, regardless of the location. Over the course of 8 years, A2W has generated over 154 million litres of drinking water in Senegal.

All A2W's projects benefit from strong local roots and are undertaken by local staff members. These projects help the development of new jobs, particularly for women and the younger generation. The projects must have a measurable impact on economic, social, environmental, and sanitary factors.

A2W fosters a win-win business model, all along its value chain, with its governance adapted to local needs and its technical choices based upon quality and the ease of use and maintenance. The foundation guarantees the non-lucrative aspect as well as the good governance of its projects.

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