

PRESS RELEASE, November 21, 2019

# Allied Universal<sup>®</sup> and SOS Security<sup>®</sup> Announce Transformational Merger

Wendel welcomes today's announcement by Allied Universal<sup>®</sup>, a leading security and facility services company in North America, and SOS Security<sup>®</sup>, a renowned provider of specialty global security services, of a definitive agreement executed with respect to a transformational merger that creates a security leader in North America.

Founded in 1969, SOS Security brings a complementary and scalable approach to security services to Allied Universal. With offices in five countries, SOS Security's 15,000 employees work around the world providing safety, security, executive protection, intelligence, consultancy and advisory services, including more than 2,000 assignments last year in over 100 countries through its subsidiary, AS Solution. The company has among the highest retention rates in the industry with respect to customers and security personnel.

The joining of Allied Universal and SOS Security establishes the company as a truly differentiated service provider in the global security industry with:

- A combined force of over 230,000 security professionals;
- Combined best practices to elevate security service delivery and industry norms;
- SOS Security's unique capabilities in international markets and intelligence analysis;
- Allied Universal's highly advanced, comprehensive and integrated technology solutions;
- Expertise in risk management specializing in security consulting, investigations, personal protection and threat, disaster and emergency response;
- High-level crowd management, event staffing and consulting providing a one-stop solution for event and site security.

This transaction aligns with Allied Universal<sup>®</sup>'s goal of further penetration into niche areas and will contribute positively to the company's long-term value creation.

For more information : please visit www.aus.com and www.sossecurity.com

## Agenda

03.18.2020

2019 FY Results / Publication of NAV of December 31, 2019 (post-market release)

## 04.30.2020

Q1 2020 Trading update / Publication of NAV as of March 31, 2020 (pre-market release).

## 06.04.2020

## 2020 Annual General Meeting

### 07.30.2020

H1 2020 results / Publication of NAV as of June 30, 2020, and condensed Half-Year consolidated financial statements (post-market release).

#### 11.04.2020

**2020** Investor Day / Presentation of NAV as of September 30, 2020, and Q3 2019 trading update (publication post-market release on 11/03/2020).

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Moody's ratings: Long-term: Baa2, stable outlook – Short-term: P-2 since September 5, 2018

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