Eero Leskinen to become Sentica Partners Investment Director

The investment team of private equity investor Sentica Partners will be strengthened when Eero Leskinen joins the company as a Partner and Investment Director in April 2011. Leskinen joins Sentica from his position as Managing Director of Isku-Yhtymä Oy.

Eero Leskinen is a highly experienced hands-on professional with a notable international career in manufacturing industry. For around 20 years he worked in various international senior management posts with ASSA Abloy in Germany and Sweden, and was ultimately responsible for ASSA ABLOY Central Europe. In 2004 Leskinen was appointed Managing Director of Isku-Yhtymä Oy. Isku is one of the Northern Europe's leading furniture manufacturers, operating in seven countries and employing 1,200 people. Leskinen has been the non-executive member of the board of Sentica Partners Oy since 2004 and the chairman since 2007.

"Working for many years on Sentica's board of directors has opened a window onto a fascinating business. I am highly excited to join the company's operational activities, with the aim of improving portfolio companies' performance by utilising the experience I have acquired in international positions over the years," says Leskinen.

"We are delighted that Eero Leskinen is joining our investment team. Eero's strong industry expertise fits perfectly with our active ownership approach. We will continue to seek strong companies with good development potential in chosen sectors," says Sentica's Managing Partner Mika Uotila.

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