

## Evolve CEO exercises options, increases his shareholding in Evolve

**20 May 2015 – Evolve** (SIX: EVE) today announces that Neil Goldsmith, CEO of Evolve, has exercised options that he held to acquire 3.8 million new Evolve shares, simultaneously selling 2.2 million of them to cover the acquisition costs and taxes related to the option transaction, leaving him with an additional 1.6 million shares.

As a result of this transaction, Mr Goldsmith's shareholding in Evolve has more than doubled to around 2.9 million shares, or 0.9% of the company's share capital. The exercised options stem from a grant in 2009 and had an exercise price of CHF 0.33. The transaction provided CHF 1.2 million in net proceeds to Evolve. The option exercise will also be disclosed via the Swiss Stock Exchange platform for management transactions.

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### About Evolve

Evolve is a pioneer and global leader in sustainable, fermentation-based approaches to ingredients for health, wellness and nutrition. Evolve's products include stevia, resveratrol, vanillin, nootkatone and saffron. As well as developing its own proprietary ingredients, Evolve also deploys its technology for partners, providing them with a competitive edge and sharing in the returns they make. For more information see [www.evolve.com](http://www.evolve.com). Questions about our fermentation approach? Have a look at [our video](#).

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