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**Wendel Portfolio Company AlliedBarton Security Services to Merge
with Universal Services of America to Create Leading Security
Company in North America**

Frédéric Lemoine, Chairman of Wendel's Executive Board, said, "Wendel is very proud to have this opportunity to lead AlliedBarton Security Services into this transformational merger. This transaction offers great profitable growth prospects. AlliedUniversal will benefit from the resilience specific to the security industry combined with an improved profitability profile resulting from the synergies. Our initial investment thesis in AlliedBarton Security Services was based on the vision of a consolidating American security industry. We are thrilled that, less than six months after our investment, this vision is being validated. Bill and Steve are amongst the best entrepreneurs of this industry, we are convinced that they will form and lead an exceptional team and that Steve has the professional and human skills to become the CEO