WALDER WYSS WITH ASTORG ON THE SALE OF AUTOFORM TO CARLYLE

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Investment firm **Carlyle** has acquired Swiss-based AutoForm from private equity firm Astorg. Founded in 1995 and headquartered in Pfäffikon, Switzerland, AutoForm provides software solutions for sheet metal forming simulation and Body in White (BiW) assembly simulation, mainly for the automotive industry.

AutoForm has grown rapidly and is now recognized as the global leader in engineering software for sheet metal forming simulation. The AutoForm group employs approximately 400 people and is present in more than 50 countries, across EMEA, Asia and the Americas. In 2016, Astorg had aquired a majority stake in AutoForm.

<u>Walder Wyss</u> has advised a co-investor of Astorg on this transaction with a team lead by **Stefan Knobloch** (partner, corporate/m&a, pictured) and included **Christian Lütolf** (managing associate, corporate/m&a) as well as **c** (counsel, tax) and **Maurus Winzap** (partner, tax).