# FINANCIAL TECHNOLOGY

Growth Strategy: Robo Advisory goes Europe

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## Moneyfarm – Vaamo deal summary

Latest market developments (selected)

Scalable Capital

WeVest introduces a new robo offering

Deposit Solutions offers quirion product

HSBC UK launches its own robo advisory service

- Vaamo Finanz AG is an early pioneer in digital wealth management ("robo advisory") in Germany, serving both end consumers (B2C) and financial institutions & investment advisors via white label solutions (B2B).
- Moneyfarm is a fast growing UK-based robo advisor that already serves two geographic markets (Italy/2012, UK/2015), backed by investors that include United Ventures (ITA) and Allianz (GER).
- By acquiring Vaamo, Moneyfarm accelerates its entry into the German marketplace and expands its geographic presence to three core European markets.
- Both from a Moneyfarm and a Vaamo perspective, this is a major move that will see the new group play an active role in the fast-changing robo advisory market allowing them to strategically occupy (and grow) important market positions.
- Only recently, Moneyfarm launched a single brand strategy in Germany.



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"Moneyfarm's acquisition of vaamo marks an exciting new phase of growth for both companies, as we look to combine our European experiences to provide more personalised and innovative investment advice solutions internationally." Dr. Thomas Bloch. Co-Founder and Co-CEO vaamo

BNP Paribas announces its own robo tool for independent financial advisors

Targobank launches digital wealth offering Pixit - 2<sup>nd</sup> white label solution by

PS Plus offers digital wealth management solution made by Weadvise

OSKAR introduces new robo offering - 3rd white label solution by Scalable



### "Vaamo's strong foothold in the German market and established B2B offering made them an attractive acquisition to further cement our position as a pan-European investment provider." Giovanni Daprà, Co-Founder and CEO Moneyfarm

### Comments

- Cooperation models in most cases imply a conflict of objectives and might not be considered as long lasting.
- To attract both self-directed and advisory clients the digital offering needs to deliver additional value, going beyond hybrid to a more holistic approach.
- "Digital" isn't onboarding and portfolio management only, other disciplines (CRM, compliance) are becoming part of the game.
- Robo advisory offerings need to be properly connected to further services or platforms – technology follows UX - to support client acquisition and client stickiness.
- Competition will increase as more and more established financial institutions enter the market, either with a solution developed in-house or white-labeled, but in any event leveraging their own brand and client base.
- We expect the market to develop into three types of players:
  - small number of independent robo advisors with clear differentiation and geographically operating across borders
  - technology providers offering white-label solutions
  - in-house robo offerings by (larger) financial institutions



More financial institutions are entering the marketplace and competition is increasing, which is paving the way for the next evolutionary step. Cross-border deals and innovative digital processes can enrich offerings: knowing your customer is key in reaching the next level."

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