

## Utimaco Safeware Sells Participation in OMNIKEY AG

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"After our successful restructuring and the winning of an important investor, we will continue to concentrate on the consistent and aggressive implementation of our strategy", said Martin Wülfert, Chief Executive Officer of Utimaco Safeware AG.

OMNIKEY is specialized on the development of readers for smartcards used in the field of IT security as identity cards and for the secure storage of keys and user profiles. The Utimaco Safeware software solutions optionally use smartcards for high security demands.

As a subsidiary of the Assa Abloy Group, OMNIKEY, as one of the three top manufacturers of smartcard readers worldwide, has a high synergy potential for expanding its market position. In the scope of customer projects, Utimaco Safeware will continue to recommend and to offer the OMNIKEY smartcard readers.

Utimaco Safeware AG is one of the leading manufacturers of professional IT security solutions. The security technology and solutions developed by Utimaco Safeware protect the electronic data of companies and government bodies against unauthorized access and guarantee that business processes and administrative procedures in the electronic world are binding and confidential.