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Artemis Group and Franke Group – Changes to Management Board

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Martin Wyser, General Counsel of Franke Group, will move to the Artemis Group on January 1, 2020, where he will be responsible for domestic and foreign real estate business. He will also become a member of the Management Board of the Artemis Group. Martin Wyser will be replaced as General Counsel for the Franke Group by Marcel Enz. Additionally, the CFO of the Artemis Group, Christian Mäder, will take over the Artemis Asset Management Group. These changes will coincide with the partial retirement of Dr. Michael Soormann, a long-standing member of the Artemis Group Management Board and President/CEO of the Artemis Asset Management Group.

Dr. Michael Soormann, President/CEO of Artemis Asset Management and a member of the Artemis Group Management Board, has decided to enter partial retirement at the end of 2019. As part of this change, he will also leave the Management Board. For the Group, he will continue to manage an important real estate project overseas.

Dr. Michael Soormann enjoyed great success in a variety of leading management roles at both the Franke Group and the Artemis Group. Most recently, he led the Artemis Asset Management Group for many years.

As a result of Dr. Michael Soormann's partial retirement, responsibilities within the Artemis Group are being reassigned. Dr. Michael Soormann will be succeeded by Christian Mäder, who, in addition to his role as CFO of the Artemis Group, will continue to focus on his role as Chairman of the Board of Directors at Franke Group. As of January 1, 2020, Martin Wyser will take on Christian Mäder's previous role as CEO/President of the Artemis Real Estate Group, becoming part of the Artemis Group Management

Board at the same time. Martin Wyser has been General Counsel and a Management Board member for the Franke Group since 2012.

The new General Counsel for the Franke Group will be Marcel Enz, who has been working for the Franke Group's legal department as Group Compliance Officer and Deputy General Counsel since 2015. Marcel Enz has extensive experience as an in-house counsel. Before joining the Franke Group, he spent a number of years working in legal teams at Schindler, Bank Julius Bär and ALSO.

Michael Pieper, President/CEO of the Artemis Group, comments on these staff changes: "Dr. Soormann's partial retirement means the loss of an important, long-term member of the Management Board. I would like to thank him for his significant contribution to the Group's strength, and say how happy I am that Dr. Soormann will continue to work with the group in his role leading one of our substantial real estate project, which is currently in a meaningful stage of development. I'm also pleased that Martin Wyser will be moving within the company to take up this vacant position. Martin Wyser has many years of management experience. Additionally, as General Counsel for the Franke Group and as Secretary for the Artemis Holding AG Board of Directors of, he is best placed to ensure a seamless transition."

"I would like to congratulate Martin Wyser on this new step in his career and thank him for his exceptional teamwork and many years of dedication. We have also been successful in filling this important role by promoting someone within the company. With Marcel Enz stepping into this position, we are lucky to have an experienced, skilled legal expert on board", said Patrik Wohlhauser, CEO of the Franke Group.

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Martin_Wyser

On January 1, 2020, Martin Wyser will become responsible for domestic and foreign real estate business at the Artemis Group. He will also become a member of the Artemis Group Management Board.



Marcel_Enz

Marcel Enz will be appointed as the new General Counsel for the Franke Group on January 1, 2020.

About Artemis

The Artemis Group includes the **Franke Group**, the **Artemis Real Estate Group** (real estate portfolio in Switzerland and abroad), a majority holding in the **Feintool Group** (world market leader in fineblanking technology) and the **Artemis Asset Management Group** (various strategic shareholdings in international companies listed on the Swiss stock market and in private companies). The Artemis Group employs more than 12,000 people worldwide and generated consolidated sales of some CHF 3.0 billion in 2018. Learn more at www.artemis-holding.com

About Franke

Franke is part of the Artemis Group and is a global leader of solutions and equipment for home kitchens, private bathrooms, semi-public/public washrooms, professional system catering and coffee preparation. The Franke Group employs around 9000 people in 40 countries worldwide and has generated sales of some CHF 2.1 billion. Learn more at www.franke-group.com

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