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BERGOS APPOINTS DR PETER SCHMID AS NEW CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

The independent Swiss Private Bank Bergos is pleased to announce the appointment of Dr Peter Schmid as the new Chairman of the Board. With over three decades of experience leading and transforming international banks, Dr Schmid brings outstanding expertise in strategy, change management, and international wealth management to Bergos.

Dr Schmid has held prominent positions including CEO of Merrill Lynch Bank (Suisse) in Geneva and Union Bancaire Privée (UBP) in Zurich. Throughout his career, he has led banks managing assets of up to CHF 120 billion and has overseen more than 1,000 employees across over two dozen locations worldwide. His accomplishments include successfully executed turnaround programs, M&A projects, and the integration of international financial institutions. He also possesses extensive board experience in various supervisory boards and foundations.

“We are very pleased to welcome Peter Schmid as Chairman of the Board of Directors. After an intensive and thorough search, we have succeeded in gaining someone with deep expertise and strategic clarity for our company. Over many years, Mr. Schmid has successfully led banks both in Switzerland and abroad, and has shaped important changes with foresight and impact. He will accompany Bergos well on its further journey – not least because he is also a great personal fit for our bank,” says Adrian T. Keller, Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors and co-owner of the Diethelm Keller Group, which is a core shareholder of Bergos. Keller, who chaired the search committee as Head of the NCC, adds: “At the same time, I would like to sincerely thank Christof Kutscher on behalf of my fellow Board members and the bank for his many years of dedicated and influential work as Chairman of the Board. With prudence and a fine sense for strategic developments, he has significantly shaped our company and guided it through an important time.”

Christof Kutscher, who has been Chairman of the Board of Directors of Bergos since 2019, will focus on developing his new company in the field of resilient food supply chains and is therefore stepping down from his long-standing position.

With Peter Schmid at the helm of the Board, Bergos is sending a clear signal of continuity, innovation, and forward-looking development in Private Banking. The bank looks forward to working together with great confidence.

Dr Peter Schmid said: “It is a great honor for me to assume the chairmanship of the Board of Bergos Private Bank. Bergos stands for independent entrepreneurship, strong client focus, and a remarkable tradition in Swiss Private Banking. I look forward to working closely with the Board and Management Team to further develop the bank in a demanding market environment and to strengthen its position as a forward-thinking, responsible Private Bank.”



BERGOS AG

Bergos AG is an independent Swiss Private Bank focusing on private wealth management. Bergos emerged in 2021 with a new shareholder base from its former mother company, the Berenberg Group founded in 1590, and has been serving international private clients and entrepreneurs in the Swiss financial center for over thirty years. Its headquarters are in Zurich with an office in Geneva. The Swiss Private Bank is dedicated to "Human Private Banking" and specializes in wealth management and advisory services. With more than 130 employees, the focus is on providing expert guidance in all known liquid asset classes, as well as in private markets and alternative investments. Following a "beyond money" approach, we also offer expertise in art collecting and philanthropy. For entrepreneurial clients, Bergos offers access to M&A and other corporate finance services. Bergos AG offers private clients, entrepreneurs and their families a holistic, cross-generational service that focuses on security, neutrality, internationality and openness to the world.

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