

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **Heinrich Henckel to leave Swiss Financial Market Services AG**

Dr. Heinrich Henckel, CEO of the Cash Markets division and member of the Group Executive Board of Swiss Financial Market Services AG will step down from his post at the end of July for personal reasons. After 13 years of service to Swiss Financial Market Services AG and its predecessor organisations, he wishes to seek a new professional challenge.

Group CEO Dr. Urs Rügsegger commented on the resignation by stating: "The Board of Directors regrets his departure and expresses its thanks to Heinrich Henckel for his tremendous commitment to SWX and the interests of the Swiss financial centre. Not least of all as a result of his having headed the integration project in conjunction with the merger of the SWX Group, SIS Group and Telekurs Group since the middle of last year, Dr. Henckel has made a decisive contribution to the consolidation of the three providers of Switzerland's financial market infrastructure."

As of 1 August, Christoph Bigger, member of the Management Board of the SWX Swiss Exchange, will head the Cash Markets division of Swiss Financial Market Services AG on an ad interim basis until a permanent successor has been appointed.

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