

Christoph Aeschlimann to be Head of IT, Network & Infrastructure and a member of the Group Executive Board

Christoph Aeschlimann is to be the new Head of the IT, Network & Infrastructure Group division and a member of the Swisscom Group Executive Board. He will succeed Heinz Herren as of 1 February 2019. After overseeing Christoph Aeschlimann's induction, Heinz Herren will reduce his working hours to 60% and focus on strategic projects and tasks both within and outside Swisscom.

After 17 years at Swisscom, including more than ten as a member of the Group Executive Board, Heinz Herren has decided to step down as Head of the IT, Network & Infrastructure Group division with effect from 1 February 2019 and focus on strategic projects and tasks on behalf of CEO Urs Schaeppi. He will also take up additional Board of Directors mandates on top of his existing ones. The current CEO of ERNI, Christoph Aeschlimann, will succeed Heinz Herren as a member of the Group Executive Board, Chief Information Officer (CIO) and Chief Technology Officer (CTO) with effect from 1 February 2019.

Christoph Aeschlimann – a digitisation expert

Christoph Aeschlimann is currently the CEO of international software engineering company ERNI, which is active in consulting, training, engineering and solutions. ERNI specialises in consulting and engineering services for digitisation issues, and provides customers with support in the digital world. CEO Urs Schaeppi: "Christoph Aeschlimann has not only extensive digitisation expertise and broad-based technical knowledge, but also a very comprehensive understanding of customer needs and the ability to anticipate market developments."

Christoph Aeschlimann lives in Geneva. He is married and has two children. He holds a degree in computer science from the École polytechnique fédérale de Lausanne and an MBA from McGill University, Canada.

Heinz Herren – 17 successful years at Swisscom

Heinz Herren joined Swisscom in 2001 as Head of Marketing Wholesale at the former Fixnet Ltd. He went on to head up the Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises division, initially at Swisscom Fixnet and later for the Swisscom Group. In 2011 Heinz Herren was appointed Head of Network and IT at Swisscom (Switzerland) Ltd. Since January 2014 he has been Head of IT, Network & Innovation. Swisscom CEO, Urs Schaeppi: “Heinz Herren has laid the foundations for Swisscom’s good positioning in the SME sector. In recent years he and his team have ensured that Swisscom’s customers have access to Switzerland’s best mobile and fixed networks. Under his leadership, Swisscom has also developed innovative cloud and digitisation platforms that will form the basis for its success in an increasingly digitised world. His greatest concern has always been to secure Swisscom’s position as a technology leader, as he recently proved once again with the new 5G mobile technology.” Urs Schaeppi would like to thank Heinz Herren for 17 successful years at Swisscom, and is delighted that he can continue to count on his vast experience and extensive knowledge.

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