

Board members nominated for re-election

At the Annual General Meeting on 6 April 2016, Valérie Berset Bircher and Alain Carrupt were nominated for re-election to the Board of Directors in their roles of employee representatives, alongside Roland Abt.

Valérie Berset Bircher (born 1976), Dr. iur., a Swiss national, has been Deputy Head of the International Labour Affairs section of the State Secretariat for Economic Affairs (SECO) in Berne since 2007. From 2006 to 2007, Valérie Berset Bircher worked as a specialist in employment law in the Human Resources department of the International Organization for Standardization (ISO). In 2005, she worked at the International Labour Standards Department of the International Labour Office in Geneva. She represented Switzerland on committees of the International Labour Organization (ILO) and the United Nations on economics, finance and development issues and is a member of the federal committee advising national contact points on OECD guidelines for multinational companies and the tripartite ILO committee.

Alain Carrupt (born 1955), a Swiss national, has commercial basic training. He has completed numerous professional development courses, including courses on the management of non-profitmaking organisations at the Swiss Graduate School of Public Administration (idheap) and the Associations Management Institute (VMI). Alain Carrupt is most familiar with the telecoms sector. He has worked for staff associations since 1994 and has been Chairman of the syndicom trade union since 2014. He will retire from this position in February. From 2011 to 2013, he led syndicom, which resulted from a merger of the communications union and the trade union Comedia, as Joint Chairman. For eight years, Alain Carrupt worked for the former communications union, of which he was Chairman from 2008 to 2010. Before his union work, Alain Carrupt held various functions at former PTT companies in the telecoms sector from 1978 to 1994, with his final role here being Head of Administration at the telecoms service in Sion. Alain Carrupt is a member of the SUVA Board of Directors and of the Executive Committee of the Swiss Federation of Trade Unions.

Roland Abt (born 1957), Dr. oec., a Swiss national, is a recognised financial expert. Since 2004, he has been Head of Finance and a member of the Group Executive Board of Georg Fischer group. He began as Head of Finance of the GF Piping System division at Georg Fischer group in 1996 and was Head of Finance at the publicly listed mechanical engineering company Agie Charmilles (now GF Machining Solutions) from 1997. Between 1987 and 1995, Roland Abt worked for the Swiss Eternit Group. He is a member of the Board of Directors of Conzzeta AG, Zurich and of the Regulatory Board and Issuers Committee of SIX Swiss Exchange, Zurich.

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