

Media Release

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Urs Landolt is new Head of Wholesale and a member of the Executive Board

By appointing Urs Landolt as the new Head of Wholesale with a seat on the Executive Board, SAM Group has taken another step forward in its plan to expand the core markets of Switzerland and Germany in the wholesale segment. The aim is to develop the fund business at international level and deepen existing client relationships. As part of a further initiative, Urs Landolt will also identify new markets and distribution partners for SAM Group both inside and outside Europe.

Before moving to SAM Group, Urs Landolt (51) was Senior Vice President of Sales & Marketing Switzerland and CEO of Julius Bär Asset Management Zurich, where he was in charge of the Swiss branch of Julius Bär Asset Management. The father of three grown-up children, he began his career at Credit Suisse where he held various management functions. Amongst other roles, he was Head of Corporate and Institutional Banking for various target markets in Europe, North America and



Asia, before being appointed Managing Director and Regional Head of Credit Suisse Asset Management with responsibility for the Middle East and the Gulf States. Urs Landolt brings with him a total of nine years' experience in the field of institutional asset management and fund business. He completed the Advanced Management Program at the INSEAD Business School in Fontainebleau and graduated in banking studies.

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SAM Group was founded in 1995 as an independent asset management company for sustainability investments. Today SAM is one of the world's leading institutions in this sector. Its clientele includes banks, insurance companies, pension funds, foundations and private clients.

SAM carries out systematic research to identify successful companies that meet sustainability criteria. The integration of these future-oriented criteria into the investment process provides investors with a high degree of control, transparency and an attractive return.

SAM offers investors a broad range of standardised products and customised mandates. SAM also has a private equity arm that invests mainly in the future themes of new energy technologies, water and new material technologies.

SAM's expertise is based on its own independent research and an active worldwide sustainability network. Together with Dow Jones Indexes and STOXX, SAM has launched a family of sustainability indexes to track the performance of companies that are industry leaders in terms of sustainability. To this end, SAM analyses over 1,000 companies a year.

SAM Sustainable Asset Management has its headquarters in Zurich (Switzerland), with branches and representative offices in Sonoma (California, USA), Melbourne (Australia), Milan (Italy), Stockholm (Sweden) and Barcelona (Spain).
