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Alexandre Zeller, Chairman of the Board, Credit Suisse (Schweiz) AG, is appointed as Chairman of the Swiss Finance Council

On 1st January 2018, **Alexandre Zeller**, Chairman of the Board of Credit Suisse Group for Switzerland, took over from **Alexis Lautenberg**, former Swiss Ambassador, as chairman of the Swiss Finance Council. The Chairmanship has a one-year term and will be rotating on an annual basis between members, starting with Credit Suisse.

SFC Chairman Mr Zeller said:

"It is an honour for me to take over this responsibility and to represent the Swiss Finance Council. As an industry, we face many challenges, in particular regulation. As a community we must focus on making sure that regulation delivers efficient outcomes, a level playing field and excellent services for our customers. Our role as SFC is to encourage cooperation and foster regulatory dialogues across borders. I look forward to working with our international partners in that context.

"Alexis Lautenberg was instrumental in setting up the Swiss Finance Council in 2013 and was its Chairman until the end of 2017. We would like to thank Alexis for his great contribution and his much valued expertise during this crucial period. We are delighted to be able to benefit from his insights as he has accepted to continue to serve the SFC Board as a Special Advisor."

On Alexandre Zeller

Alexandre Zeller was appointed Chairman of the Board of Directors of Credit Suisse (Schweiz) AG with effect from October 1, 2016. He was also elected to the Board of Credit Suisse Group in April 2017. After completing his studies at the University of Lausanne (Business Administration) and Harvard Business School in Boston (Advanced Management Program), he worked in International Operational Audit at Nestlé in Vevey from 1984 to 1987. He subsequently held various functions at Credit Suisse in Zurich until 2002, during which time he was appointed to the Executive Board of Credit Suisse Private Banking in 1999 and to the position of CEO Private Banking Switzerland in 2002. After working as the CEO of Banque Cantonale Vaudoise in Lausanne from 2002 to 2008, he then moved to HSBC Private Bank (Suisse) in Geneva, where he worked until 2012 as the CEO, Country Manager Switzerland, and the Regional CEO Global Private Banking EMEA. Between 2013 and 2016, he was Chairman of SIX Group SA, owner of the Swiss Stock Exchange. Since 2012, Alexandre Zeller has held mandates as a professional board member with various companies and foundations in Switzerland. Alexandre Zeller is a Swiss citizen.

The Swiss Finance Council was established in November 2013 to engage in dialogue around policy developments in finance at a European and international level. It represents the interests of internationally active Swiss financial institutions and facilitates sharing of experience, expertise and knowledge through a permanent representative office in Brussels.

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