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**Media release**

## Swiss Finance Council appoints Judith Hardt as Managing Director

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The Swiss Finance Council is pleased to announce the appointment of Judith Hardt as Managing Director of its EU Representation office in Brussels.

Mrs. Hardt joins the Swiss Finance Council in June from the Federation of European Securities Exchanges (FESE) which she led for close to 10 years. Before joining FESE, Ms. Hardt headed the European Mortgage Federation (EMF) for 13 years.

Judith regularly features on the Financial News' list of the '100 Most Influential Women in Finance'. In 2008, she received the "Lobbyist of the Year" award for her role in the adoption of the European Code of Conduct on Clearing and Settlement.

"We are thrilled to have Judith heading the Brussels Office of the Swiss Finance Council and representing its Swiss International banks with EU stakeholders", Chairman Alexis Lautenberg said. "Judith's proven track-record in positioning, advocacy and stakeholder management at EU level is outstanding."

"I am delighted to join the Swiss Finance Council which will substantially enrich the regulatory dialogue at European and at international level", Judith Hardt said. "The Council will allow Swiss financial institutions to become more engaged in the European policy dialogue".

Judith Hardt will lead a dedicated team of experts in Brussels and will report to Chairman Lautenberg.

### **About the Swiss Finance Council**

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



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