

## Media release

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### COMET Group expands Executive Committee

**The COMET Group is expanding the Executive Committee with the addition of the post of Chief Operating Officer, who will be responsible for the global supply chain of the Group. Thomas Polzer will take up the new role no later than September 1, 2016.**

The strong planned growth in the coming years will significantly increase the importance of the supply chain for the COMET Group. With its specific solutions, the company is positioning itself as a key supplier to an increasing number of major customers, which increases their expectations of a high degree of reliability and constantly improving operational excellence. To manage this challenge, the supply chain of the individual segments – from procurement and production to logistics – is to be brought together under an experienced manager at Executive Committee level. This will help COMET Group develop its supply chain into a key pillar in the implementation of its 2020 strategy, to strengthen client retention and further improve operational excellence.

Thomas Polzer will take up the new role as Chief Operating Officer no later than September 1, 2016. Thomas Polzer (50) has been CEO of Carl Zeiss Jena GmbH, a subsidiary of Carl Zeiss AG, an international technology group in the optics and optoelectronics industries, since 2008. In his earlier positions for Carl Zeiss and for Dutch company ASML at locations in Germany, the USA and the Netherlands, Thomas Polzer gained many years of experience relating to the supply chain and production and technology development in an international environment. In addition to a degree in Mechanical Engineering from the Duale Hochschule Baden Württemberg, he also has an MBA in Corporate Management from the University of Augsburg.

"Our role as a key partner for our customers is central to our 2020 strategy. The supply chain is therefore becoming increasingly important as a key link between us and our customers," explains Ronald Fehlmann, CEO of the COMET Group, "We are delighted that we have been able to acquire Thomas Polzer, a renowned expert with many years of experience, for this important role."

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## **Company calendar**

March 17, 2016	Publication of annual report 2015
April 21, 2016	Annual General Meeting
August 18, 2016	Publication of half-year report
November 23, 2016	Investor Day

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## **COMET Group**

The COMET Group is a globally leading, innovative Swiss technology company with a focus on X-ray, high-frequency and ebeam technologies. Using high-quality high-tech components and systems, we make it possible for customers from various industries to improve the quality of their products and make them both more efficient and more environmentally friendly. The innovative solutions under the COMET, YXLON and ebeam brands are used in applications such as material and safety testing, the coating and treatment of surfaces, and contact-free sterilization.

Headquartered in Flamatt, Switzerland, COMET AG is now represented in all global markets. We employ more than 1050 people worldwide, including over 370 in Switzerland. In addition to production facilities in China, Germany, Denmark, Switzerland and the USA, we also maintain various subsidiaries in the USA, China, Japan and Korea. COMET's stock (COTN) is listed on the SIX Swiss Exchange.