

## Media release

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### **Change in the Executive Management – new Chief Investment Officer as of 1 April 2019**

**André Keller to become a new member of Helvetia Executive Management on 1 April 2019. He will take over from Ralph-Thomas Honegger as Chief Investment Officer. Ralph-Thomas Honegger will start his well-deserved retirement.**

André Keller has been in the insurance industry for over 20 years at home and abroad. Most recently he was Chief Investment Officer of AXA XL and XL Group Ltd in the USA. Until 2014, André Keller was Head of Asset Management at Nationale Suisse. Prior to this, he held various positions in asset management at Swiss Re between 1998 and 2009. The 49-year-old Swiss national is a business economist and also holds qualifications as a Chartered Alternative Investment Analyst, Financial Risk Manager and Chartered Financial Analyst.

Ralph-Thomas Honegger joined Patria in 1987 after completing his economic PhD. After various tasks in portfolio management, he became a member of Helvetia's Swiss Executive Management in 1997, initially as Head of Investment Clients and subsequently as Head of Individual Life. Since 2002, Ralph-Thomas Honegger has been Chief Investment Officer responsible for investments and a member of the Helvetia Executive Management. He will now retire on 1 April 2019 at his own request.

Philipp Gmür, CEO of the Helvetia Group: "With André Keller, we are gaining a colleague who, with his extensive experience, will give us new impetus in the management of our investments. I look forward to working together with him. Ralph-Thomas Honegger has been particularly successful as an investment manager in a challenging environment. He played a key role in ensuring that Helvetia has such a solid balance sheet today. I would like to thank him already for his decades of tireless commitment, and I wish him all the best for the next stage of his life."

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