

Internal communication/press release

Christinger Partner AG joins the Wipf Group to promote sustainable Swiss quality and innovation.

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The Wipf Group (Brugg) is taking over Christinger Partner AG (Schlieren) with retroactive effect from 1 January 2017 as part of a succession regulation agreement. Stephan Koch (CEO) and Martin Blättler (COO), both long-standing employees of Christinger Partner AG, will take over management of the company. Christinger Partner AG's acquisition will boost its production site in Schlieren and allow business operations to be expanded. The takeover will not result in any staff reductions.

The acquisition of Christinger Partner AG enables the Wipf Group to further diversify its services while demonstrating a strong commitment to production in Switzerland. The growth of the company will result in new long-term opportunities throughout the Group, allowing Christinger Partner AG to further develop its operations.

Christinger Partner AG is an established major player in the Swiss market and employs around 55 members of staff. The company has been implementing visual communication projects since 1965. It specialises in outdoor advertising, sales promotion, labelling and interiors. Within the value chain, Christinger Partner AG is responsible for project coordination, graphics, production and assembly. This includes all types of labelling and advertising, whether in buildings, on vehicles, at point of sale or across various modes of transport.

The Wipf Group is an international family-managed holding company with its headquarters in Brugg (Switzerland). It is active in flexible packaging, envelopes & stationery, direct marketing and digital services. With five operational companies and around 575 employees, the Wipf Group generates turnover of around CHF 175 million per year. The production sites and branches are located primarily in Switzerland, Turkey and Thailand.

Further information is available at www.christinger.ch

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