

## NOTZ STUCKI APPOINTS CHRISTOPHE VERBAERE AS GROUP COO

Geneva, 21 April 2021 – Geneva-based asset management firm NOTZ STUCKI has appointed Christophe Verbaere as Group Chief Operating Officer. The COO role looks after operations and IT, and has a seat on the Executive Committee. With extensive experience in finance and other sectors, Christophe is very well equipped to take forward the Group's digital transformation. Before joining NOTZ STUCKI, he was Chief Technology Officer at fixed income specialist Atlanticomnium in Geneva.

Christophe began his professional life in 1994 at the Centre National d'Etudes Spatiales (Paris) as a technical expert on the Ariane series of European space launchers. In 1998, he moved to Geneva to start a new career in financial IT, and has developed his expertise in process optimisation and bank and asset manager digitisation on an ongoing basis. Christophe also continued his space activities by helping to develop technology companies specialising in hypersonic drones, microsatellites and image analysis applied to economic intelligence. In addition to a diploma in aeronautical engineering and astronautics from ESTACA (Paris), a risk management and quantitative analysis diploma from HEC (Geneva) and several certificates in finance and portfolio management from ISFB (Geneva), Christophe trained in data science and artificial intelligence at ENSAI (Paris). He succeeds Patrick Hamon, who has decided – after 10 years with NOTZ STUCKI – to return to his native Brittany.

## Technology – a key success factor

Along with ability to generate alpha and offer highly personalised investment management, technological innovation is now key to securing the future growth of an asset management company. Moreover, technology plays an essential role at every stage of the value chain, whether at the level of data architecture, IT security, process automation, decision support tools, risk management or the client interface.

With CHF 10 billion in assets under management, NOTZ STUCKI is one of Switzerland's largest independent asset managers and naturally has the resources required to make the necessary investments in its future growth, particularly in the area of new technologies.

"In our industry, we can never stop investing if we want to remain at the cutting edge. Over the last 10 years, we have considerably strengthened and modernised our infrastructure, under the leadership of Patrick Hamon. The new challenge we are facing is the digital transition. Thanks to his extensive professional experience, Christophe Verbaere has all the tools needed to be successful", commented Grégoire Notz.

*"I'm very happy to be joining NOTZ STUCKI, which has a consistent record on innovation.* I'm also delighted to be joining a company with such a strong heritage and which has a real vision for the future and the means to implement it", added Christophe Verbaere.

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## About NOTZ STUCKI

Founded in 1964, NOTZ STUCKI is today one of the largest independent asset management groups in Switzerland and Europe. Over the last 55 years, NOTZ STUCKI has developed unique expertise in selecting the world's best fund managers and bringing them together to build robust and effective portfolios. At the same time, NOTZ STUCKI has built a diversified range of traditional strategies with a convincing track record.

International and sophisticated, the Group's client base is comprised of wealthy individuals, family offices, pension funds, asset management firms and companies that share the same demand for superior absolute performance and highly personalised service.

Wholly-owned by its directors, NOTZ STUCKI is fiercely independent and free from any outside pressure that could adversely affect its impartiality. The directors invest alongside clients, thereby ensuring their interests are perfectly aligned.

The NOTZ STUCKI Group manages around CHF 10 billion in assets through three highly complementary activities:

- Private management: discretionary and advisory management
- Asset management: Notz Stucki funds and investment solutions
- ManCo: fund engineering and services dedicated to funds

NOTZ STUCKI has over 100 employees in 8 offices across the world (Geneva, Zurich, London, Luxembourg, Madrid, Milan, Bermuda and Mauritius).

NOTZ STUCKI is authorised and regulated by the FINMA as a collective investment manager.