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PRESS RELEASE

Burckhardt+Partner: Implementation of succession plan

Precision, agility and innovation are key values for the architectural office Burckhardt+Partner. The company launched a strategy process to determine how these values look in practice, and has already implemented some initial measures. This includes appointing a successor for CEO Samuel Schultze.

Burckhardt+Partner were founded in Basel in 1951 and have been growing and developing ever since. They have been fundamental in shaping Switzerland's architectural landscape and have also become established in Germany. Some four years ago, Burckhardt+Partner initiated various transformation processes under the motto "experienced for tomorrow", and these are now starting to bear fruit. "We are confronted with increasing demands from our market environment, living as we do in an age of digital transformation, where issues such as sustainability are omnipresent. We don't want to just react to these challenges, but to seize the opportunity they present," Samuel Schultze explains the driving force behind the transformation process.

Wolfgang Hardt to succeed Samuel Schultze

The transformation process involves both structural and personnel changes, including the appointment of a new CEO. Samuel Schultze will retire at the end of April 2023 after 37 years at Burckhardt+Partner, including twelve as CEO. He will be succeeded by Wolfgang Hardt, who has been a partner and member of the company management here for ten years.

Wolfgang Hardt joined Burckhardt+Partner AG in 2011 as an associate partner. He had previously spent eleven years at Herzog & de Meuron, most recently as a partner. He came to architecture via apprenticeships as a carpenter and draughtsman, going on to gain a Master of Arts in "Architecture and Context" in 2008. After joining Burckhardt+Partner, Wolfgang led department Basel 2 from 2012 to 2018 as a partner and member of the company management. Since 2019 he has been responsible for international business development.

The company management and board of directors both agree: Wolfgang Hardt is a successor who will carry the spirit and vision of Burckhardt+Partner forward into the future.

Samuel Schultze and Wolfgang Hardt were appointed Co-CEOs with effect from 1 January 2022, in order to ensure a smooth transition.

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About Burckhardt+Partner

Burckhardt+Partner are an internationally distinguished and technologically prominent architectural office. It was founded in 1951 in Basel and has continued to develop ever since. Over the past 70 years, Burckhardt+Partner have not only had a major influence on architecture in Switzerland, but have also been able to compete on the international stage. Burckhardt+Partner currently run five branches in Switzerland and three in Germany.