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Media release

Swiss Structured Products Association (SSPA):

**Sylveline Besson and David Schmid new SSPA committee member –  
Valentin Vonder Mühl confirmed**

**At their meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> September, the delegates of the Swiss Structured Products Association (SSPA) elected Sylveline Besson (CA Indosuez Wealth Management) as newly established buy-side representative. David Schmid (Leonteq) is elected successor to Jan Schoch (Leonteq) on the SSPA Committee. The delegates confirmed Valentin Vonder Mühl (Julius Bär) as Philipp Rickenbacher's successor on the SSPA committee. Thomas Schmidlin (Credit Suisse) was elected as new vice-president of the association.**

*Zurich, 29<sup>th</sup> September 2017.* In order to strengthen the entire value-generating chain and due to an increasing number of buy-side members, the SSPA decided to create a new position representing thus the buy-side in the committee and extending the committee members to six. Sylveline Besson, Global Head of Structured Products at CA Indosuez Wealth Management since 2012, is elected by SSPA delegates as a new member of the Association's management body. David Schmid, Member of the Executive Committee Head of Investment & Banking Solutions Division at Leonteq, is succeeding Jan Schoch, who decided not to put himself up for re-election. The delegates also confirmed Valentin Vonder Mühl, who was elected by the SSPA committee as Philipp Rickenbacher's successor on the SSPA committee with effect from 1 July 2017.

Thanks to his long-standing activities in the structured products business, Sylveline Besson has wide-ranging knowledge of the buy-side gaining experiences in different countries and positions thus actively participating in the industry evolution. Before working for CA Indosuez, she worked for Société Générale in France. On the issuer side, new committee member David Schmid contributes with national and international experience. Before heading Investment & Banking Solutions Division at Leonteq, he built up Leonteq's business in Asia. Confirmed committee member Valentin Vonder Mühl has worked in the structured products field at Bank Julius Baer since 1994, and experienced the development of the industry in Switzerland at first hand. "With our three new committee members, we have been able to attract extremely skilled and recognized expert for structured products to the SSPA Committee. Thanks to their broad and diversified experience, they will lend the work of the Association added momentum, and will be able to contribute towards the broader acceptance of

structured products while broadening our presence in the French speaking part and on the buy-side," said Georg von Wattenwyl, welcoming the new SSPA Committee members.

SSPA Committee members as at 1<sup>st</sup> October 2017 are Georg von Wattenwyl (president, Bank Vontobel), Thomas Schmidlin (vice-president, Credit Suisse), Adrian Steinherr (UBS), Valentin Vonder Mühll (Julius Bär), Sylveline Besson (CA Indosuez Wealth Management) and David Schmid (Leonteq).

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**About structured products**

Structured products are investment instruments publicly issued by an issuer whose redemption value is derived from the performance of one or more underlying securities. Equities, interest rates, foreign exchange or commodities such as gold or oil may serve as underlying securities.

**About the Association**

The Swiss Structured Products Association (SSPA) is the first port of call for all questions associated with structured products. It represents the collective interests of the key market players who bring together over 95 percent of the market volume for structured products in Switzerland. The headquarters of the association are located in Zurich. Further information is available at [www.svsp-verband.ch](http://www.svsp-verband.ch).