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## MEDIA RELEASE

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### **René Zahnd appointed as new CEO of Swiss Prime Site AG**

Olten, 13 April 2015 – Swiss Prime Site AG's Board of Directors has appointed René Zahnd (1966, Swiss) as new Chief Executive Officer and successor to Markus Graf. He will assume his position as CEO no later than as at 1 May 2016.

The designated CEO René Zahnd is a proven real estate expert with years of extensive management experience in the real estate sector. He holds a law degree and graduated as attorney-at-law from the University of Berne. He extended his broad-based background in the construction and real estate industry as Head of Legal Services at Losinger Construction AG starting from 2004, assuming responsibility at the operating level for Project Development for the Central Switzerland region at Losinger. In 2007, he moved to general contractor Losinger/Marazzi as Director of Project Development, German-speaking Switzerland. From May 2009, René Zahnd held the position of Head of Project Development, German-speaking Switzerland at Implenja. From March 2010, he assumed responsibility as Head of Implenja Real Estate and thus became a member of group management. From February 2014, he assumed the position of Head of Modernisation and Development at Implenja.

«René Zahnd is distinguished by his excellent track record at the strategic and operating levels», declares Hans Peter Wehrli, Chairman of the Board of Directors of Swiss Prime Site AG. «He provides all the necessary prerequisites for the successful further development of Swiss Prime Site.»

Markus Graf, who is stepping down from his post for reasons of age, will continue to assume full responsibility as CEO up to the end of April 2016 at the latest, extensively integrating René Zahnd into his position as the new CEO. The Board of Directors will acknowledge the extraordinary performance and achievements of Markus Graf at a later time.

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## **CURRICULUM VITAE**

**René Zahnd**

Date of birth: 14 December 1966

Nationality: Swiss

### **EDUCATION/QUALIFICATION**

1994 attorney-at-law, University of Berne

### **PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND**

**2009 – 2015**

**IMPLENIA**

2014 – 2015

Head of Modernisation and Development / member of group management, Switzerland

2013 – 2014

Head of Implenja Buildings / member of group management

2010 – 2013

Head of Implenja Real Estate / member of group management

2009 – 2010

Head of Project Development / member of management, Implenja Real Estate

**2007 – 2009**

**LOSINGER/MARAZZI**

Director of Project Development, German-speaking Switzerland / member of management, Switzerland

**1998 – 2006**

**LOSINGER**

2004 – 2006

Director of Project Development, Central Switzerland region

1998 – 2004

Head of Legal Services, Switzerland

**1996 – 1998**

**BEKB and DEZENIUM**

Legal services

**1994 – 1996**

**BRATSCHI EMCH UND PARTNER**

Attorney-at-law, Switzerland



### **Swiss Prime Site**

Swiss Prime Site AG is Switzerland's largest listed real estate investment Company. The Group's portfolio is valued at CHF 9.8 billion and comprises first-class, value-retaining and high-quality properties with primarily office and retail floor space situated in prime locations. The real estate investments, coupled with the real estate services provided by subsidiary Wincasa AG, make up the Real Estate segment. The Retail and Gastronomy segment consists of primarily Jelmoli – The House of Brands department store and Clouds Restaurant in Prime Tower, Zurich (until mid-2015). The Assisted Living segment comprises the senior residences and geriatric care facilities provided by Tertianum Group.

Swiss Prime Site is distinguished by its experienced management team, considerable earnings continuity and excellent risk/return profile. The Company has been listed on the SIX Swiss Exchange since 2000 and reports market capitalisation of CHF 4.4 billion as at the balance sheet date.

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