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## **Swiss Finance Institute appoints new Managing Director**

**Swiss Finance Institute (SFI) today announces that Prof. François Degeorge is to be the institute's new Managing Director. Prof. Degeorge, 55, takes over from Prof. Claudio Loderer who retired at the end of September, 2016. Prof. Degeorge currently holds a Senior Chair at Swiss Finance Institute and is Director of the Institute of Finance (IFin) at the Università della Svizzera italiana. He will officially take up his new position at SFI on November 15, 2016.**

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Prof. Degeorge is Full Professor of Finance at the Università della Svizzera italiana (USI), in Lugano, and the director of the university's Institute of Finance (IFin). He holds a Senior Chair at Swiss Finance Institute, which he joined in 2006. Before teaching at USI, Prof. Degeorge taught at HEC Paris, where he also served as Associate Dean for Research. He has been a visiting professor at the Tuck School of Business (Dartmouth), at Université Paris-Dauphine, and at the Saïd Business School (Oxford). Prof. Degeorge holds a "grande école" degree from HEC Paris and was awarded his PhD by Harvard University. His research interest is in corporate finance and his findings have been published in leading academic journals. He teaches executive education courses on corporate finance for wealth managers on a regular basis and has received numerous teaching and research awards. He serves on the executive committee of the European Finance Association, the advisory board of Ticino for Finance, and the scientific council of Institut Paris-Europlace. Prof. Degeorge was the president of the European Finance Association during 2015.

"After a comprehensive search process focusing on a select pool of motivated and highly qualified candidates, the Swiss Finance Institute Foundation Board is pleased to announce that François Degeorge will succeed Claudio Loderer in the position of Managing Director," states Olivier Steimer, Chairman of the Board of Swiss Finance Institute. "Prof. Degeorge is not only an internationally recognized academic, he also has significant experience in the fields of education and leadership. This, and his institutional tenure with the institute since 2006, made him the ideal candidate for the post."

Olivier Steimer thanks Claudio Loderer for his many years of service. After heading Swiss Finance Institute for nearly six years, Prof. Loderer retired as Managing Director on September 30, 2016. He led the institute through a difficult transition period and helped not only to consolidate its position but also to realign its governance, making it better equipped to meet future challenges. Among his outstanding contributions were the strengthening of knowledge transfer to the industry and the integration of the NCCR program FINRISK. The Swiss Finance Institute Foundation Board wishes Prof. Loderer all the very best for his future endeavors.

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### **Swiss Finance Institute**

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