



Press release

## Sacha Geier to become new Sympany Foundation Board member

**By electing Sacha Geier, the Sympany Foundation Board has gained a member with in-depth knowledge of the healthcare system. The medical specialist, entrepreneur and Head of Medical Systems at Klinik Hirslanden in Zurich will take her new office from January 2021. In order to make the handover of the documents as smooth as possible, she will sit on the Board from as early as July 2020.**

*Basel, 22 June 2020* – Sympany congratulates its new Foundation Board member Sacha Geier on her election. She will sit on the Board from 1 July 2020 to become familiar with the duties and take office as a Foundation Board member from 1 January 2021. Siegfried Walser, Chairman of the Sympany Foundation Board, is looking forward to working with Geier and says: “Sacha Geier matches the job profile required for the Foundation Board perfectly as a medical doctor and an entrepreneur with extensive management experience. She has in-depth knowledge of the healthcare system and also specialises in strategic work in an environment characterised by change”.

Sacha Geier graduated as a medical doctor specialising in anaesthesiology and intensive care medicine and has proven leadership and management experience. Born in Basel, she worked in various hospitals in Switzerland and in the US, where her roles included chief physician and Board member. In addition to her medical career path, Geier completed a postgraduate degree in Business Administration, finishing with an MBA. In 2012, she founded her own company which supports and advises healthcare organisations in change and lean management and graduated from the Advanced Management Program at Harvard Business School in 2016. Geier has worked for the Hirslanden Private Hospital Group since 2017. As Hospital Manager, she led the Hirslanden Klinik Am Rosenberg through turbulent times before she took over as Head of Medical Systems at Klinik Hirslanden in Zurich, where she is also deputy director and a member of the Executive Board, in November 2019.

“I am highly motivated to work with the Sympany Foundation Board and make a contribution to the continued sustainable development of this dynamic company”, explains Sacha Geier. She will strengthen the Board particularly in the areas of benefits provision and integrated care models. As is the case with all Foundation Board members, she is also a member of the boards of directors of Sympany’s subsidiaries.

Geier’s gradual introduction will ensure a continuous succession and enable the documents to be handed over as smoothly as possible. The limitation on the term of office has led to three members of the Sympany Foundation Board stepping down as of 2021. With the election of Sacha Geier, all vacancies have already been successfully filled. Martha Scheiber and Sunnie J. Groeneveld were elected to the Foundation Board back in early 2020.

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liability insurances. Its head office is in Basel. The group of companies under the umbrella of the Sympany Foundation comprises the insurance companies Vivao Sympany AG, Moove Sympany AG, Kolping Krankenkasse AG and Sympany Versicherungen AG, as well as the service company Sympany Services AG.

Sympany has been paying surpluses to customers for basic insurance as well as supplementary insurance since back in 2016. Surpluses result if the cost of medical treatment ends up being much lower than anticipated when setting premiums.

It made a profit of CHF 78.4 million in 2019, of which Sympany allocated CHF 21.3 million to the surplus fund for the benefit of its policyholders. Its total premium volume was CHF 1,043 million. The company has 509 employees and around 261,100 private customers, some 206,700 of whom have basic insurance cover in accordance with the Health Insurance Act (KVG). Sympany offers loss of income and accident insurance to its corporate customers.