

## Media release

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# Thomas A. Mueller new CFO at Bank Sarasin

**Thomas A. Mueller (45) is the new Chief Financial Officer for Bank Sarasin & Co. Ltd. He will take up his post on 1 May 2010, simultaneously heading up the Corporate Center Division and joining the Bank's Executive Committee. Thomas A. Mueller was previously Group Chief Financial Officer & Chief Risk Officer for the Swiss Life Group. He takes over as CFO from Matthias Hassels, who has decided to leave Bank Sarasin after 12 years with the company to pursue a new professional challenge.**

### Joachim H. Straehle, CEO of Bank Sarasin & Co. Ltd

"I am delighted that our bank has been able to recruit a Chief Financial Officer with such an excellent track record as Thomas Mueller. His enormous expertise in the field of finance and his excellent management skills will be invaluable to our company. Not only will Thomas Mueller ensure the continuity in proven and tested areas, but will also inject fresh energy into key areas of financial and risk management. He will therefore play a pivotal role in the further development and growth of our bank. The Board of Directors and I would like to thank Matthias Hassels personally for his valuable contribution during his years with the Bank."

Sarasin's Board of Directors has made Thomas A. Mueller the Bank's new Chief Financial Officer, the Head of the Corporate Center Division and a member of the Executive Committee. He will be in charge not only of Investor Relations, Corporate Development and Corporate Finance, but also be responsible for the entities Group Legal & Compliance, Human Resources, Group Finances, Controlling, Risk Office, Credit and Tax. Thomas A. Mueller will report directly to Joachim H. Straehle, CEO of Bank Sarasin. Thomas Mueller has over 20 year's professional experience in finance with banks and insurance companies. He also has proven leadership skills at both management and executive board level.



### Thomas A. Mueller

Born 1965; Swiss citizen, lives in Zug; Master degree in economics (lic.rer.pol.) from the University of Berne, Master of Business Administration (MBA) from IMD Lausanne.

Thomas A. Mueller began his career as Head of Asset & Liability Management with Schweizerische Volksbank. After this bank's integration into Credit Suisse, he became Head of Treasury at Credit Suisse in Zurich from 1994 to 1997. In 1997 he moved to Marc Rich Holding in Zug, where he was in charge of trading in interest-rate instruments. From 2002 to 2005 he served as Chief Financial & Risk Officer with Banca del Gottardo in Lugano, where he was a member of the Executive Board. Before joining Bank Sarasin, Thomas Mueller spent three years as Group Chief Financial Officer & Chief Risk Officer for Swiss Life Group. In this capacity he was a member of the Corporate Executive Board in Zurich.

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