

Press Information

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Harald Kröger and Heike Arbter new members of Raiffeisen Centrobank's Management Board

Vienna – The Supervisory Board of Raiffeisen Centrobank AG (RCB) appointed Harald Kröger and Heike Arbter to the Management Board during an ordinary meeting on 29 April 2019. Harald Kröger is CEO and will be responsible for the bank's enabling functions with immediate effect. A member of the Management Board and a long-standing structured products expert, Heike Arbter is in charge of all business activities of RCB. The two succeed Wilhelm Celeda and Valerie Brunner, who have assumed new management roles within the Raiffeisen Bank International (RBI) Group.

„With Harald Kröger and Heike Arbter we have a dynamic management team with a strong market background. The new team is committed to the bank's sustainable growth course, on the one hand, and to providing new impetus to tackle future challenges, on the other,“ commented Supervisory Board Chairman Lukasz Januszewski on the appointment. *„I would like to thank Wilhelm Celeda and Valerie Brunner for their many years of commitment and look forward to working with Harald and Heike,“* said Januszewski.

„I am glad to have the opportunity to lead the bank together with Heike Arbter. We have an excellent position, great and motivated employees, and the right structure to drive forward the expansion of our digital activities. An intelligent work model and a well-organized team are essential to accomplish this goal,“ commented Harald Kröger about his appointment as Chairman of the Management Board.

„Over the years, RCB has established itself as a leading investment bank and competence centre for shares and certificates in Austria & CEE. As a member of the Management Board it is an exciting challenge to strengthen the bank's leading position and to open up new growth opportunities,“ said Heike Arbter, commenting on her new position.

About Harald Kröger and Heike Arbter

As CEO of RCB, Harald Kröger (43) is responsible for Finance & Controlling, Risk Management, Strategy & Projects, Human Resources, Legal, Compliance, IT & Organisation and Back Office & Operations. He was most recently Head of Financial Institutions, Country and Portfolio Risk Management at Raiffeisen Bank International and has more than 10 years of experience in the RBI Group. Kröger has managed many group-wide projects, especially in the areas of efficiency, costs and strategy. He is also an early pioneer for agile transformation and digitization.

Heike Arbter (52) has been with RCB for over 20 years and has built the structured products business from the ground up. She has developed structured products into RCB's most important earnings driver and made RCB the leading Austrian issuing house for the entire CEE region. As a member of the Managing Board, she will ensure that RCB's position as the competence center for equities and derivatives in Austria is strengthened. She also holds a seat on the supervisory board of the Stuttgart Stock Exchange and is a member of the arbitration board of the Vienna Stock Exchange. Since May 2016, Heike Arbter has also been President of EUSIPA, the European association of certificates issuers. Arbter has been a member of the Management Board of Zertifikate Forum Austria since its foundation in 2006 and joined the Supervisory Board in April 2019.

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