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## **A strong signal: Swiss Sustainable Finance (SSF) appoints four women to the board**

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The board of Swiss Sustainable Finance (SSF) is being renewed. At the Members' Assembly held on 29 June 2022 in Bern, four new members were elected to the organisation's strategic body: Sandra Cafazzo, Anne Marion-Bouchacourt, Mirjam Staub-Bisang and Maria Teresa Zappia. Each member can contribute their own in-depth specialist expertise and know-how, along with a strong commitment to a Swiss financial centre seeking to maintain its premier position in the area of Sustainable Finance.

Swiss Sustainable Finance (SSF) gains new power for its board. Four female members have just been appointed to its governing body:

- Sandra Cafazzo (Member of the Executive Committee, Robeco Switzerland Ltd.)
- Anne Marion-Bouchacourt (Chief Country Officer, Société Générale Switzerland)
- Mirjam Staub-Bisang (CEO, BlackRock Switzerland)
- Maria Teresa Zappia (Deputy CEO, BlueOrchard)

SSF's board has therefore now been expanded from 14 to 15 members. The appointment of four senior female professionals sends a strong signal to the financial community, as SSF President Patrick Odier confirms: "I am absolutely delighted that we have managed to appoint four excellent candidates to our strategic body. The four new members bring complementary market expertise and will therefore not only enrich our organisation internally, but also reinforce SSF's positioning and the prominence of sustainable finance in the Swiss marketplace. I would like to thank the three departing board members, Roland Dominicé (Symbiotics), Rochus Mommartz (responsAbility) and Pierin Menzli (J. Safra Sarasin) for their active commitment during their term of office and I am grateful to know that we will be able to continue to count on the support of their companies as SSF members."

### **"Biodiversity" – main topic at SSF Annual Conference**

As usual, the annual SSF Members' Assembly was followed by a more theme-oriented conference where leading figures from business, science and politics presented and discussed relevant developments in the field of Sustainable Finance. The theme this year was biodiversity and its connection with finance. The list of eminent participants included Mark Schneider (CEO, Nestlé), Thomas Elliott (Managing Director, Crowther Lab, ETH Zurich), Dr Simon Zadek (Chair, Finance for Biodiversity, United Nations), Professor Marlene Amstad (Presidenta of FINMA), Monika Rühl (Chair, economiesuisse) and Claudia Bolli (Head Responsible Investing, Swiss Re), to name a few. "Over the past years SSF has grown into an important and highly respected body in all matters of

Sustainable Finance. This is also illustrated by the fact that we have once again managed to attract such eminent speakers for our annual event, which this year focused on biodiversity. This is a topic that is increasingly grabbing the attention of financial service providers, as evidenced by the various initiatives presented at the conference,” summarises Sabine Döbeli, CEO of SSF.

Short biographies of the new board members can be found [here](#).

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