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## Wüest Partner signs UN-supported principles for responsible investment

At the beginning of 2021, the Wüest Partner Group joined the Principles for Responsible Investment (PRI) initiative promoted by the United Nations. By signing up, Wüest Partner is strengthening its efforts to actively promote environmental and social issues as well as value-oriented corporate management.

The PRI are an international network of investors, asset managers and service providers who jointly implement several principles for responsible investment. The aim is to consciously consider the issues of environmental protection, social standards and corporate governance criteria (ESG) in investment decision-making processes. By voluntarily committing to these principles, signatories contribute to strengthening sustainable investments.

In recent years, the Wüest Partner Group has already built up a strong position for innovative solutions to sustainability issues in the construction and real estate market. The focus is always on the holistic consideration of structural, operational, organisational and investment-relevant aspects. The range of services extends from the inclusion of ESG criteria in real estate valuations to advice on investment and construction decisions and the development of applications for assessing sustainability.

Patrik Schmid, Chairman of the Group Executive Board: «As a responsible service provider, it is clear to us that all ESG aspects must be taken into account when creating the basis for decision-making. By signing the PRI, we will intensify our activities in this area and further expand our competencies.»

«We are delighted to welcome the Wüest Partner Group as a signatory to the PRI,» said Fiona Reynolds, CEO of the PRI. «By joining, Wüest Partner recognises the importance of incorporating environmental, social and governance factors into its services and products.»

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## About the Wüest Partner Group

The Wüest Partner Group comprises five companies in Switzerland, Germany and France.

- **Wüest Partner AG** (Swiss parent company): Wüest Partner is an independent, owner-managed consulting firm. As impartial experts, we have been delivering first-class decision-support tools for professional real estate players since 1985. We offer our clients – both in Switzerland and abroad – a wide range of services encompassing advice, valuations, data, applications, publications and education.
- **Wüest Partner Germany:** Wüest Partner has been represented in Germany since 2007. The first German office in Frankfurt was successively joined by branches in Berlin, Hamburg, Munich and in Düsseldorf. The company provides the same services in Germany as its parent company in Switzerland.
- **Datahouse AG:** The company has belonged to the Wüest Partner group since 2014. Initially founded as a spin-off of the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology (ETH) Zurich, Datahouse specialises in the collection, networking and analysis of data as well as the development of web applications. Datahouse has a multi-disciplinary team of experts in Zurich, Bern and also in Portugal that produce creative and innovative software solutions. The services are aimed at a wide range of industries, such as the real estate industry, financial service providers, the public sector and media.
- **Durable Planung und Beratung GmbH:** Durable specialises in providing innovative solutions on sustainability issues for the construction and real estate markets. Social, economic and ecological contexts are brought together to provide the greatest possible benefit as a whole. Founded almost ten years ago, the company is based in Zurich.
- **Homadata:** The Paris-based company was founded 5 years ago. Homadata provides tools that enable clients to have all the relevant and reliable information needed to make decisions in the real estate market. The company consolidates and enriches historical and current data in real time.

With its interdisciplinary team of approximately 300 consultants, the company has an impressive skill base and many years of experience to build on. Our employees cover the disciplines of economics, architecture, information technology and engineering as well as the social and natural sciences. An international network of partner companies and regional experts with a strong local anchoring complements the teams of consultants working in our Zurich, Geneva, Bern, Lugano, Frankfurt am Main, Berlin, Hamburg, Munich, Dusseldorf and Paris offices.

Wüest Partner AG is owned and managed by 23 partners, who vouch for the continuity, independence and sustainable performance of the company. They are: Andreas Ammann, Andreas Bleisch, Jan Bärthel, Patrick Schnorf, Mario Grubemann, Patrik Schmid, Gino Fiorentin, Stefan Meier, Hervé Froidevaux, Ronny Haase, Pascal Marazzi-de Lima, Andreas Keller, Karsten Jungk, Ivan Anton, Fabio Guerra, Alain Chaney, Christine Eugster, Matthias Weber, Jörg Lamster, John-Guy Park, Julia Selberherr, Daniel Meister and Andreas Pörschke.