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VIG Re announces Board succession: Catrina Gemmerich to succeed Stephan Wirz

VIG Re announced today that Stephan Wirz will complete his mandate as Member of the Board of Management and Chief Business Officer (CBO) on 1 March 2027. VIG Re has named Catrina Gemmerich as his successor. The leadership transition will take effect on the same date following a structured handover period, subject to approval by the regulator.

A seasoned reinsurance professional with almost three decades of industry experience, Stephan Wirz joined VIG Re as a Member of the Board of Management on 1 May 2021. During his tenure, he contributed significantly to the company's growth and to further strengthening VIG Re's position and reputation in the international reinsurance market.

Peter Höfinger, Chairman of the Supervisory Board of VIG Re, said: *"I would like to sincerely thank Stephan Wirz for the important role he has played in the development of VIG Re over the past years. His deep industry knowledge and, global perspective has been highly appreciated. We wish him every success in the future. We are happy to welcome Catrina to the Board of Management. As the Supervisory Board, we have full trust in her and see her as the ideal candidate for this role."*

The Supervisory Board will vote to appoint Catrina Gemmerich as successor to Stephan Wirz. Catrina currently serves as Managing Director of VIG Re Germany and Market Head of DACH, Nordics & Southern Europe. She will assume the role of Board Member and CBO following a structured handover period during which both executives will work closely together to ensure a smooth transition.

Commenting on the appointment, **Tobias Sonndorfer**, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of VIG Re, said: *"I would like to thank Stephan for the years we have worked together and wish him all the best for the future. At the same time, I am happy to welcome Catrina Gemmerich to the Board of Management. She combines excellent market expertise, strong leadership qualities and a deep understanding of our business. Catrina has already made a significant contribution to VIG Re's success, and I am convinced she will play an important role in shaping the company's next chapter."*

Catrina Gemmerich, due to take over the role of Chief Business officer from 1 March 2027, shared: *"I'm excited to take on this new role and help shape VIG Re's next chapter. In an increasingly complex and fast-changing world, clients expect reinsurers to bring more than capacity, they value expertise, perspective and long-term partnership. As our industry evolves, our ambition is to support our clients and business partners with confidence and ideas that help them navigate change successfully."*

I'm grateful to Stephan for his leadership and for the foundation that has been established over the past years. Looking ahead, I'm excited to help drive VIG Re's continued growth and success together with our clients, partners and colleagues."

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Stephan Wirz



Stephan Wirz is a seasoned reinsurance expert with almost three decades of experience. He joined VIG Re as a Member of the Board on 1 May 2021. Previously, he spent 24 years within Swiss Re holding various positions within the headquarters and foreign branches in Asia. He led the Korean Branch, the Japan P&C team, and the market team Middle East. He was also a Member of the Board of Directors of PRS Prime Re Services, providing consulting and other services in reinsurance. He graduated from the Zurich University of Applied Sciences.

Catrina Gemmerich



Catrina Gemmerich has served as Managing Director of VIG Re Germany and Head of DACH, Nordics & Southern Europe and VIG Group business since February 2023. Since joining VIG Re, she has built and developed the Munich operation into an important commercial hub, assembled a new underwriting team and strengthened the company's market presence and reputation out of Germany. Prior to joining VIG Re, she held various underwriting and client management roles at Munich Re. She holds a double master's degree in Economics and International Management (CEMS) from Rotterdam School of Management and Bocconi University. (A recipient of the Business Insurance Women to Watch 2025 and Reinsurance Leaders Under 40 awards, she is recognised as one of the emerging leaders of the international reinsurance industry.)

About VIG Re

VIG Re is one of Europe's leading reinsurers with a growing presence in Asia. A member of Vienna Insurance Group, VIG Re is headquartered in Prague (Czech Republic) with offices in Munich (Germany), Paris (France) and representative office in Singapore. Established in 2008, the Company has maintained a strong financial profile, earning an "A+" FSR rating from Standard & Poor's since 2009 with a positive outlook.

VIG Re is offering a broad spectrum of non-life treaty and facultative reinsurance solutions and manages the outward reinsurance programs of the VIG Group. In 2025, the company serviced around 660 insurance companies in almost 70 countries.

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