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Helvetica Capital Arranges Succession at NUSSLI: eps and NUSSLI Join Forces

After more than eight years alongside NUSSLI, the group of Swiss entrepreneur-investors led by Helvetica Capital is transferring its stake in the NUSSLI Group as part of a planned succession solution. eps and NUSSLI will join forces under the umbrella of eps NUSSLI Holding GmbH, creating a globally active provider of temporary event infrastructure with strong European roots, 820 employees, and 50 locations worldwide. Andy Böckli, currently CEO of NUSSLI Group, will serve as Group CEO of the combined company. The eps and NUSSLI brands will remain unchanged, and Hüttwilen will continue to be the home of NUSSLI

From a Special Situation to Long-Term Success

At the end of 2017, an investor consortium led by Helvetica Capital invested in the NUSSLI Group in a special situation. Helvetica Capital and its fellow entrepreneur-investors contributed a combination of operational expertise, strategic clarity, and patient capital, enabling the management team to complete a successful turnaround and build the foundation for sustainable, profitable growth. Today, the company, founded in 1941 in the Swiss canton of Thurgau, is the global market leader in temporary event and special construction. With approximately 470 employees across 21 locations, NUSSLI delivers around 1,500 projects annually, including grandstands, stages, event structures, stadiums, expo pavilions, and specialist constructions. This development exemplifies Helvetica Capital's approach of supporting the long-term, sustainable development of Swiss hidden champions through active operational and strategic engagement.

A New Chapter Begins from a Position of Strength

Building on this strong foundation, the shareholders have now successfully arranged the company's succession. A key factor was the strategic fit: Okan Tombulca, owner of eps, represents a long-term industry owner with deep industry expertise, entrepreneurial vision and the resources to support future growth. His connection to NUSSLI dates back to 1990, when he worked as a stage builder on a NUSSLI construction site at Kölner Dom. NUSSLI is therefore becoming part of an owner-managed European family business with a long-term perspective, opening a new chapter in the company's history.

Andreas Schmid, Chairman of the Board, Helvetica Capital and NUSSLI:

"We invested in NUSSLI during a challenging period in 2017 and have actively supported its development ever since. The results achieved over recent years demonstrate that the restructuring and strategic repositioning, combined with investments in the future and, above all, an outstanding management team, have been successful and sustainable. We have now been able to arrange the succession from a position of strength. With Okan Tombulca, a highly respected entrepreneur in the industry takes over the company. He has been connected to NUSSLI for decades and will ensure its continued long-term development. For NUSSLI, its employees, and the Hüttwilen location, this is the best possible next step."

Two Global Market Leaders with Complementary Strengths

The combination brings together two global market leaders: eps, the market leader in temporary turf protection, flooring protection systems, and crowd-control solutions, and NUSSLI, the market leader in grandstands, event structures, stadiums, and specialist construction. Customers will benefit in future from a comprehensive one-stop-shop offering for temporary event infrastructure, ranging from turf protection systems to temporary stadiums. The combined group will employ 820 people across 50 locations and deliver approximately 6,500 projects and events worldwide every year. München will remain the home of eps, while Hüttwilen will remain the home of NUSSLI. Both companies will continue to operate under their respective brands.

Andy Böckli, Group CEO: *"Both companies are operationally and financially strong. That is exactly why the timing is right. This combination is designed for growth. Additional markets and a broader service offering will accelerate growth and create new opportunities for investment, innovation and people."*

About Helvetica Capital (helvetica-capital.ch)

Helvetica Capital AG is an entrepreneurially driven investment firm focused on Swiss SMEs. The company invests in businesses and advises entrepreneurs and investors on financing and succession solutions. Its declared objective is the sustainable, long-term development of hidden champions through active operational and strategic involvement.

About NUSSLI Group (nussli.com)

NUSSLI creates the infrastructure that makes unforgettable events possible. As an experienced partner for construction implementation, NUSSLI provides temporary construction solutions, engineering, and project management services worldwide. Its offering includes grandstands, stages, event structures, overlays, stadiums, pavilions, museums and interior fit-outs, specialist structures, and industrial halls. Founded in 1941 and headquartered in Hüttwilen, Switzerland, the company employs approximately 470 people across 21 locations worldwide and delivers around 1,500 projects annually

About eps (eps.net)

Since its founding in 1996, eps has been a trusted partner to the global live entertainment industry. The company provides temporary turf and flooring protection systems, crowd-control solutions, access and signage systems, and a broad range of site infrastructure, complemented by project management and global touring logistics services. The owner-managed family business, headquartered in Munich, employs 350 people and serves approximately 5,000 events annually through an international network of 29 locations.

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