

Press release

## **SUISA: Claudia Kempf and Toni Falzetta appointed to the Executive Committee**

**SUISA's Board of Directors has appointed Claudia Kempf and Toni Falzetta as new members of the Executive Committee. With effect from 1 January 2027, they will assume responsibility for the "Members" and "Customers" departments respectively. They will succeed Chief Operating Officer Irène Philipp Ziebold, who will retire at the end of 2026.**

**Zurich, 31 March 2026** – SUISA's Board of Directors has decided on the succession to Irène Philipp Ziebold. Claudia Kempf and Toni Falzetta will take seats on the Executive Committee of the cooperative society of music authors and publishers with effect from 1 January 2027. With these appointments, the Board is placing its trust in two internal leaders with proven industry expertise.

### **Two internal figures with extensive experience**

After studying sociology and anthropology, Claudia Kempf worked in film production as a production manager and assistant director. Alongside her professional work, she also studied cultural and media management. From 1999 onwards, she took on various roles within SUISA. Since 2011, she has headed the Members Department. In addition, she has served the Swiss music sector in various capacities, including as a founding member of Swiss Music Export and, until 2018, as a member of the board of directors of mxLab AG (mx3).

Toni Falzetta studied business administration and holds a Master of Advanced Studies in pop and rock music. In 2023, he joined SUISA from the financial sector, where he had held a management position. Since then, he has headed the Events Department and has been responsible for licensing live events. As a musician and producer for national and international acts, he also brings many years of practical experience in the music industry.

"I am delighted that Claudia Kempf and Toni Falzetta will be joining SUISA's Executive Committee," says Xavier Dayer, President of SUISA. "Both bring extensive experience from within SUISA as well as from the music industry. I am convinced that SUISA's Executive Committee is very well positioned to meet future challenges."

### **The "Operations" department will be divided into "Members" and "Customers"**

With these new appointments, SUISA is adapting its organisational structure. The existing "Operations" department will be split into two areas. Claudia Kempf will take over the "Members" area, while Toni Falzetta will be responsible for the "Customers" area.

Irène Philipp Ziebold will retire at the end of 2026 after more than 38 years with SUISA. She has been a member of the Executive Committee since 2010, first heading the Members Department and, from 2019, the newly created "Operations" department.

### **Future Executive Committee of SUISA**

From January 2027, SUISA's Executive Committee will consist of the current members Andreas Wegelin, CEO, and Vincent Salvadé, Deputy CEO, together with the two new members Claudia Kempf and Toni Falzetta. Andreas Wegelin and Vincent Salvadé will retire during 2027 and 2028 respectively. The process to determine the succession to the role of CEO will begin in April 2026.

On YouTube or on the SUISAblog, you can find short video profiles of the two newly appointed members of SUISA's Executive Committee.

### **SUISA**

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Claudia Kempf's video on YouTube: ((Link))

Toni Falzetta's video on YouTube: ((Link))

Article on the SUIAblog: ((Link))

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**About SUIISA**

SUIISA is the co-operative society of composers, lyricists and music publishers in Switzerland and Liechtenstein. Its more than 45,000 members include musicians from all genres. In Switzerland and Liechtenstein, SUIISA represents the music repertoire of two million music authors worldwide. It grants licences for the use of this world repertoire to over 120,000 customers. In 2017, SUIISA founded the joint venture Mint Digital Services together with the US music organisation SESAC. The company is responsible for the settlement and administration of the cross-border music licensing business of the SESAC Music Group and SUIISA with online providers and also offers its services to publishers.

With around 220 employees at its offices in Zurich, Lausanne and Lugano, SUIISA generates a turnover of over CHF 200 million. As a non-profit organisation, it distributes the income from licences to music authors and publishers after deducting administrative costs. [www.suisa.ch](http://www.suisa.ch)