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The consequent digitalisation of offerings and services is a key success factor in the implementation of the Galenica Group's strategic programmes, as it will make a significant contribution to Galenica's future development.

To ensure that the necessary relevance is placed on the strategic role of these topics, the Board of Directors has appointed Lukas Ackermann, Head of Service Unit IT & Digital Services, as a member of the Executive Committee as of 1 January 2022.

Digitalisation and IT topics: strategic success factors

Given the significant role of digitalisation and IT topics, the nomination of the Head of IT & Digital Services as a member of the Executive Committee is a logical and consistent step. By doing so, the Board of Directors is ensuring that the relevant competencies are firmly embedded within the organisation and that projects and tasks are approached with the necessary priority and focus.

Lukas Ackermann joined the Galenica Group in 2020 as Head of HCI Solutions and assumed responsibility as of 2021 for the newly formed Service Unit IT & Digital Services as a member of the extended Executive Committee. Under his leadership, all IT functions have been consolidated and aligned with the Group's strategic objectives. The introduction of agile working methods and organisations will ensure that IT services are fully integrated into the Galenica Group and aligned to customer and market needs.

In various roles, Lukas Ackermann has developed digital concepts and solutions for service providers in the healthcare sector, and he has a profound understanding of the workflows, processes and needs of those involved in the healthcare sector. He possesses the specific knowledge and required experience to implement Galenica's digitalisation projects successfully and effectively.

Digital solutions with added value for customers, service providers and the whole healthcare system

Galenica pushes ahead quickly with the digital connection of all its products and services across all sales channels, which will enable customers in pharmacies, those who order online and those cared for at home to benefit. At the same time, Galenica supports professional service providers with digital solutions, such as the Lifestage Solutions platform, which enables care homes and home-care organisations to work more efficiently, helping them achieve cost savings and giving them more time to care for their patients.

In addition, Galenica is aiming to play its part in the digitalisation of the Swiss healthcare system: pilot projects are currently carried out for electronic prescriptions. Furthermore, digital solutions such as Documedis[®], with integrated medication plan and medication check, not only contribute to a more efficient and cost-effective exchange of information between healthcare professionals looking after a patient, but also significantly increase patient safety.

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Dates for the diary

20 January 2022:Publication of 2021 sales figures for the Galenica Group8 March 2022:Publication of the results of the 2021 financial year for the Galenica Group11 May 2022:Annual General Meeting of Galenica Ltd.

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CV Lukas Ackermann

Lukas Ackermann (1972, Swiss citizen) joined the Galenica Group in 2020 as Head of HCI Solutions and assumed responsibility for the newly formed IT & Digital Services service unit as a member of the extended Executive Committee at the start of 2021.

Lukas Ackermann studied environmental sciences at ETH Zurich (dipl. in Natural Sciences ETH) and Management, Technology and Economics (degree: MAS ETH MTEC).

Over the course of his career, he has worked in various roles on the development and launching of digital solutions for healthcare service providers.

In 2002, he assumed the role of CEO of the 24/7 emergency and assistance organisation Medicall Ltd. He joined Synesix Ltd. as Head of Health Care Market in 2008, where he was responsible, among other things, for developing service innovations for health insurers to increase customer loyalty and reduce risks. In 2010 he took over as Head of I-Lab at the University of St. Gallen and is responsible for topics such as business informatics, research into the opportunities and risks of new technologies in the insurance industry, the Internet of Things (IoT) and mobile computing, then went on to become CEO of Amétiq Ltd., the leading provider for the digitalisation of Swiss medical practices, from 2013 to 2020.

Picture Lukas Ackermann (JPG)

Galenica is the leading fully integrated healthcare provider in Switzerland. With over 500 own, joint venture and independent partner pharmacies, Galenica operates the largest network of pharmacies in Switzerland. In addition, Galenica further develops and offers well-known own brands and products, exclusive brands and products from business partners as well as a variety of onsite health services and tests for customers. Galenica is also the leading provider of both prewholesale and wholesale distribution services and database services in the Swiss healthcare market. Galenica is listed on the Swiss Stock Exchange (SIX Swiss Exchange, GALE, security number 36,067,446).

Additional information concerning Galenica can be found at www.galenica.com.