

Media release

Bernhard Schmitt named Best Regional CFO of the Year at The Asset Asian Awards 2015

DKSH's Chief Financial Officer Bernhard Schmitt was acclaimed at a ceremonial award in Hong Kong for his outstanding achievements as Head of the Finance function of DKSH, the leading Market Expansion Service provider with a focus on Asia.

Zurich, Switzerland, May 8, 2015 – In the annual 'Triple A Treasury, Trade and Risk Management Awards 2015', The Asset magazine named DKSH Chief Financial Officer Bernhard Schmitt best Regional CFO of the year. The award is Asia's defining recognition for excellence in the finance industry.

Bernhard Schmitt has spent a good part of his career in Asia. After becoming Group Chief Financial Officer and Member of the Executive Board of DKSH in 2011, Bernhard Schmitt led the transformation of the finance and treasury functions at DKSH away from a transactional focus to a value-added business partnership model. From 2004 to 2011, he was Head of Finance in Thailand, the largest country in which DKSH operates. He was also responsible, among others, for the finance-related parts of the roll-out of the Group-wide SAP platform. This global IT system was one of the key enablers of the transformation of DKSH, to become the leading Market Expansion Service provider with a focus on Asia.

Bernhard Schmitt graduated from the University of Mannheim in 1985. He began his career in 1985 with Wacker, a German chemical and silicon company. He subsequently became Divisional Manager for Administration at Wacker Chemicals East Asia in Tokyo. In 1996, Bernhard Schmitt returned to Germany where he assumed the position of Head of Accounting, Controlling, and Financing for Wacker Siltronic AG. Two years later he moved to Singapore as Vice President of Finance and Administration for Wacker Siltronic. In 2004, the Wacker Group nominated him Head of Controlling.

'The Asset Triple A Treasury, Trade & Risk Management Awards' process follows a rigorous approach for selection of the best institutions in each category. Accumulated point scores for both quantitative and qualitative factors are combined in the determination of the winners. Judges are composed of a board of editors from The Asset Publishing and Research Ltd., who have more than three decades of experience in evaluating the best practices in the finance industry today.

About DKSH Group

DKSH is the leading Market Expansion Services provider with a focus on Asia. As the term "Market Expansion Services" suggests, DKSH helps other companies and brands to grow their business in new or existing markets. Publicly listed on the SIX Swiss Exchange since March 2012, DKSH is a global company headquartered in Zurich. With 750 business locations in 35 countries – 720 of them in Asia – and 27,600 specialized staff, DKSH generated net sales of CHF 9.8 billion in 2014.

The company offers a tailor-made, integrated portfolio of sourcing, marketing, sales, distribution and after-sales services. It provides business partners with expertise as well as on-the-ground logistics based on a comprehensive network of unique size and depth. Business activities are organized into four specialized Business Units that mirror DKSH fields of expertise: Consumer Goods, Healthcare, Performance Materials, and Technology.

In 2015, DKSH celebrates its 150th anniversary. With strong Swiss heritage, the company has a long tradition of doing business in and with Asia, and is deeply rooted in communities and businesses across Asia Pacific.

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