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## CEO Otto Bitterli to leave Sanitas

**Otto Bitterli, CEO of the health insurance company Sanitas, has decided to leave the company and once again seek a new professional challenge. The Foundation Board and Board of Directors greatly regret this decision but respect Otto Bitterli's personal "reorientation" goal which he had already set two years ago. From 1 February 2019, the company will be led on an ad interim basis by Dr Andreas Schönenberger as delegate of the Board of Directors.**

After more than 17 years of service for Sanitas, 56-year-old Otto Bitterli wishes to once more tackle new and independent challenges in the worlds of healthcare, insurance and business. "As a CEO, you can't talk about transformation and always remain in the same position," commented Bitterli in explaining his move.

The Foundation Board and Board of Directors of Sanitas both regret and respect the decision of Otto Bitterli. They would like to thank him for his many years of extremely successful work performed in a variety of roles. In particular, they wish to highlight the willingness of Bitterli to again make himself available as Sanitas CEO in 2018. "In a short period of time as CEO, he has succeeded in stabilising the company, strengthening its political profile and opening up new prospects for the future of Sanitas," said Chairman of the Board of Directors Ueli Dietiker, who added that "Sanitas can look back on a successful 2018 financial year."

Dr Andreas Schönenberger has been elected by the Board of Directors as delegate of the Board of Directors and will manage Sanitas on an ad interim basis from 1 February 2019. His many years of work on the Board of Directors of Sanitas and his management experience will ensure that both the company's strategic and operational continuity and stability are guaranteed.

### **About Sanitas**

The Sanitas Group ([www.sanitas.com](http://www.sanitas.com)) runs both a basic insurance (Sanitas Grundversicherungen AG and Compact Grundversicherungen AG) and supplementary insurance business (Sanitas Privatversicherungen AG). With around 820,000 customers and a premium volume of CHF 2.82 billion, Sanitas is one of the biggest health insurers in Switzerland.

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