

**MEDIA RELEASE**

**Change in Extended Group Management at Lindt & Sprüngli**

Kilchberg 6<sup>th</sup> April 2016 – Chocoladefabriken Lindt & Sprüngli AG announces today, that Thomas Linemayr, CEO of Lindt & Sprüngli (USA) Inc. and Member of the Extended Group Management, will leave the company per end of April 2016 to pursue a new challenge outside the Lindt & Sprüngli group.

His responsibility in the function as CEO of Lindt & Sprüngli (USA) will be handed over to Daniel Studer who has been with Lindt & Sprüngli for more than 10 years and in the role as VP Sales of Lindt & Sprüngli (USA) Inc. since 5 years. His responsibilities as Extended Group Management Member will be handed over to the other members of the Group Management as well as the Extended Group Management.

The company thanks him for his valuable contribution to the development of the Lindt & Sprüngli group and wishes him success for the future.

***About Lindt & Sprüngli:** As global leader in the premium chocolate segment, Lindt & Sprüngli can look back on a long-standing tradition of 170 years with its origins in Zurich, Switzerland. Today, quality chocolate products by Lindt & Sprüngli are made at 12 own production sites in Europe and the USA. They are distributed by 24 subsidiary companies and branch offices, and also via a comprehensive network of more than 100 independent distributors around the globe. With over 13,000 employees, the Lindt & Sprüngli Group reported sales worth 3.65 billion Swiss francs in 2015.*

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