

Zurich announces leadership change in Benelux

Brussels, 9 January 2018 – Zurich announced today the appointment of Dirk De Nil to the position of Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Zurich Benelux. Dirk is a Belgian citizen and was born in 1963. Subject to regulatory approval, this appointment is effective February 1, 2018.

In his new role, Dirk will be responsible for leading Zurich's insurance operations in the Benelux countries. He is returning to Zurich from Allianz, where he was CEO of Morocco, a business that Allianz acquired from Zurich in November 2016. Dirk first joined Zurich in 2008 in Hong Kong as Chief Operating Officer for the Asia Pacific region. He went on to become Head of Operations, Property & Casualty and later Head of Sales and Distribution Property & Casualty, before moving to Morocco in 2014.

Following a handover period with Dirk, Alain Wijnants, the current Benelux CEO, will assume a role leading our global commercial management liability portfolio, with a focus on building our global directors & officers' (D&O) book to support our specialties strategies.

In announcing the appointment, Patrick Manley, CEO Zurich Insurance plc, said: "I am grateful for the positive impact Alain Wijnants has had on our business in the Benelux countries during his ten years as CEO. I wish him well and every success as he moves on to his new challenge within the Group." James Shea, CEO Commercial Insurance, added: "Dirk is a well-known and respected professional with a proven track record across several continents. With his broad range of experience, local market knowledge and history within Zurich he is well positioned to lead our business in the Benelux countries and take us to the next level."



Zurich Insurance Group (Zurich) is a leading multi-line insurer that serves its customers in global and local markets. With about 54,000 employees, it provides a wide range of property and casualty, and life insurance products and services in more than 210 countries and territories. Zurich's customers include individuals, small businesses, and mid-sized and large companies, as well as multinational corporations. The Group is headquartered in Zurich, Switzerland, where it was founded in 1872. The holding company, Zurich Insurance Group Ltd (ZURN), is listed on the SIX Swiss Exchange and has a level I American Depositary Receipt (ZURVY) program, which is traded over-the-counter on OTCQX. Further information about Zurich is available at www.zurich.com.