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finleap connect, Europe's leading independent Open Banking platform, announces new CEO

- Nicola Breyer is named the new CEO, bringing extensive Open Banking and deep industry relationships across Europe.
- Frank Kebsch to serve as an advisor after more than two successful years at the helm.
- Ignacio Garcia assumes the role of Chief Operating Officer (COO); Marco Jostes, previously Head of Finance, becomes Chief Financial Officer (CFO), both effective immediately.

Hamburg and Berlin, June 30th, 2022 - finleap connect, Europe's leading independent Open Banking platform, announces changes to its management team. Nicola Breyer, previously Chief Growth Officer at OptioPay and Head of Commercial Growth at Paypal DACH, will take over as CEO of finleap connect effective August 1st. She succeeds Frank Kebsch. Ignacio Garcia, previously Chief Strategy Officer, will take on the role of COO effective immediately. Marco Jostes, previously Head of Finance, joins the management team as the new CFO.

“Over the course of more than two years, Frank has successfully shaped finleap connect into one of the leaders in the Open Banking space. We thank him for taking finleap connect to this next level and are pleased that he will remain associated with the company as both a shareholder and advisor,” says Ramin Niroumand, Executive Chairman of finleap connect's main shareholder, finleap. “With Nicola Breyer, we have an experienced fintech operator who can build on finleap connect's leading tech platform to strengthen the focus on core Open Banking services and continue to drive its commercial success.”

“I am excited to join finleap connect as adoption of Open Banking starts accelerating across Europe and beyond. I believe that with our experienced team of professionals and product suite, we can continue to be the partner of choice for the financial services industry and beyond,” says incoming CEO Nicola Breyer.

As part of measures to position the business for profitable growth, ten percent of employees from finleap connect's core team will be let go. In addition to Frank Kebsch, Chief Commercial Officer, Andreas Reuß, and Chief Risk Officer, Dr. Lea Maria Siering, will also leave the company. "We would like to thank both Andreas and Lea for their hard work and dedication during their time at finleap connect," adds Ramin Niroumand.

Marco Jostes, Head of Finance since September 2021, will also add responsibility for the areas of Legal and Compliance as the new CFO, drawing on his experience at Arvato Financial Solutions as Executive Vice President Governance, Risk & Compliance. Uwe Sandner, Chief Technology Officer, and Katja Hunstock, Chief Product Officer, complete the five-member executive team in their current roles.

About finleap connect

finleap connect is the leading, independent Open Banking platform provider in Europe. It enables companies across a multitude of industries to provide the next generation of financial services by understanding how customers transact and interact. With its "full-stack" platform of solutions, finleap connect makes it possible for its clients to compliantly access the financial transactions data of customers, enrich said data with analytics tools, provide digital banking services and deliver high-quality, digital financial services products and solutions to customers.

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