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finleap connect wins Dr. Lea Maria Siering as Chief Risk Officer and designated Managing Director

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Berlin/Hamburg, March 2nd, 2021 - Dr. Lea Maria Siering, experienced regulatory expert and currently Chief of Staff and Director Regulatory at finleap, will join finleap connect on April 1, 2021 as Chief Risk Officer and Managing Director (pending approval from the German Federal Financial Supervisory Authority). Cornelia Schwertner, Managing Director and Chief Risk Officer of finleap connect GmbH, will leave the company at her own request on March 31, 2021, after five years of service, and devote herself to new projects in the future.

Frank Kebsch, CEO finleap connect: "I would like to thank Cornelia for her work and the great influence she has had in the development of the company. She has been instrumental in shaping our developments as an open banking provider over the past years. Now, I am very pleased that we have been able to recruit Dr. Lea Maria Siering for this very important position. For finleap and finleap connect, this was the logical step to initiate the next stage of development in the growth of finleap connect. We are very pleased to now have such an experienced regulatory expert and adequate successor in the team and to continue building the company with her."

Dr. Lea Maria Siering, a lawyer and experienced regulatory expert, will be responsible for managing the Compliance, Information Security, Legal and Public Affairs departments. She will also be responsible for further strengthening confidence in product quality and the security of finleap connect products. In doing so, she will build on her many years of experience in the areas of fintech, digital banking and regulatory affairs. Based on this, she intends to bring further innovative finleap connect solutions to the market and significantly advance the topic of open banking.

Prior to finleap, Lea Siering was a partner at an international law firm, where she specialized in banking regulatory and capital markets law. In addition to advising banks, financial and payment service providers and funds on compliance, regulatory and capital markets issues, her work included advising young companies (fintechs) with digital business models such as those of open banking.

Dr. Lea Maria Siering: "I am very much looking forward to deepening the exciting work I have already done as a partner at Taylor Wessing, as well as in my role at finleap for finleap connect and other ventures in my new role. My goal is to further develop finleap connect as a full-stack platform to become the leading payment service provider - following the vision that finleap connect will connect the so far still fragmented open banking world through its platform in the long run. In this context, it is important to me to continue to bring together the existing fintech ecosystem created by finleap in order to jointly develop scalable solutions, as we have most recently succeeded in doing with eKYC. finleap connect is a crucial building block for digital solutions beyond the finleap ecosystem, supporting major players in the digitization process with outstanding software and technology."

The finleap connect management team will thus in the future consist of Frank Kepsch (CEO & MD), Patrick Dittmer (CFO & MD), Andreas Reuß (CCO & MD) and Dr. Lea Maria Siering (CRO & MD), Emre Impraimoglu (GM Financial Transactions & Insights), Uwe Sandner (GM Corporate Solutions & White Label Products), Marco Berini (GM Italy), Ignacio Garcia (GM Spain) and Nicolas Montes-Edwards (GM France).

About finleap connect

finleap connect addresses the fragmented open banking landscape with a “full-stack” platform. It enables partners to access financial transactions, enrich the transactions with data & analytics tools, and ultimately deliver seamless digitized financial services to customers. finleap connect has the unique ability to tap into category leaders founded in the finleap ecosystem, including Solarisbank, ELEMENT and Elinvar, driving additional value to partners. The company is a regulated payment institution under the Payment Services Supervision Act (Zahlungsdiensteaufsichtsgesetz – ZAG) with offices in Berlin, Frankfurt, Hamburg, Milan, Madrid and Paris. As a business unit of finleap, finleap connect is part of the leading European fintech ecosystem, a group with 1,300 employees from more than 80 countries.

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