

solarisBank strengthens its executive board

Berlin, 03.09.2018 – solarisBank, the tech platform with a full banking license, is strengthening its executive board with high-profile recruits with the intention of further accelerating its continuing growth. As of today, Jörg Diewald takes up his position as member of the board and Chief Commercial Officer (CCO). In future, the position of Chief Technology Officer (CTO) at solarisBank will be held by Dirk Daumann.

Gerrit Seidel, chairman of the supervisory board of solarisBank, says: "I am delighted that we have been able to strengthen the management team at solarisBank with two experienced managers. As a new board member, Jörg Diewald will further reinforce the positioning of solarisBank in Germany and Europe as the leading technology platform with a banking licence for digital companies, major enterprises and banks. As solarisBank CTO, Dirk Daumann will further expand the company's technology leadership."

Roland Folz, CEO of solarisBank, continues: "With our technology-based contextual banking approach, we are shaping the future of the financial sector. In order to continually develop our platform and advance the growth of solarisBank, we are staffing the solarisBank team with forward thinkers from the technology and banking sectors."



Jörg Diewald is an expert in the development and expansion of commercial organisations in the banking as well as fintech sector. Most recently, he was CCO of Targo Commercial Finance AG and, among other things, was active on the advisory board of the Berlin fintech company Billie. Mr. Diewald began his career with Commerzbank and thereafter occupied a variety of executive positions, among others at Dresdner Bank and Landesbank Sachsen. Since 2007, he was board member and CCO for Germany and Benelux at GE Capital Bank AG, which belongs to the General Electric Group, where he concentrated on the areas of credit business, factoring, leasing and fleet management. In addition to his commercial responsibility, his further main point of focus for the GE Group in Germany was on the development of fintech cooperation projects as well as national and international joint ventures. As a member of the board, Mr. Diewald was also responsible for further developing the product landscape as well as for Tech and Operations. In addition to his commercial expertise, he therefore also brings a high level of tech affinity to solarisBank.

In his capacity as a board member, co-founder and, to date, CCO, Marko Wenthin will in future be concentrating on the company's international business development. The broader investor base resulting from the latest round of funding opens up new expansion possibilities for solarisBank.



With Dirk Daumann, solarisBank is bringing aboard a proven expert in the scaling of communications, data and fintech companies. Most recently, he was CTO of the Digital Entertainment division at ProSiebenSat.1 Media SE. He was previously VP Engineering at the online payment company Klarna, where he was responsible for the technology development of the core payment area. In addition, he has occupied executive positions at Skype and HERE Technologies in Stockholm and Berlin. Dirk Daumann began his career with Accenture, where he worked across Europe as Technology Consulting Manager.

In June 2018, previous solarisBank CTO Peter Großkopf already took over the management of the newly-established Blockchain Factory with which solarisBank intends to bridge the technological and regulatory gap between the banking and blockchain worlds. In addition to this role, he will continue to be responsible for technological innovation and, in this area, will report to Dirk Daumann.



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solarisBank is the first banking platform with a full banking license which enables companies to offer their own financial products. Through APIs, partners gain access to solarisBank's modular services including payments and e-money, lending, digital banking as well as services provided by integrated third party providers. Through this, solarisBank creates a highly developed technological banking ecosystem for fintechs, established digital companies, as well as banks and corporates.

The Berlin-based company was founded back in 2016 and is led by CEO Dr. Roland Folz, co-founders and board members Marko Wenthin and Andreas Bittner, as well as CFO Alexander Engel, CPO Dr. Jörg Howein and CTO Peter Grosskopf. To date, solarisBank has raised more than EUR 95 million from renowned investors, including BBVA, Visa, Lakestar, ABN AMRO's Digital Impact Fund, Arvato Financial Solutions, SBI Group and Finleap.

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