



## Press Release

### **Fides Holdings SA announces the acquisition of Geneva-based Ariannol Trustees (Suisse) SA**

Fides Holdings SA has acquired a Geneva-based trust company, Ariannol Trustees (Suisse) SA.

Ariannol Trustees (Suisse) SA was founded in 2012 by Martin Bowen who has been active in the fiduciary business for over 40 years, working with clients in multiple jurisdictions and across generations. Oliver Donagher, an experienced trust practitioner, joined Martin as a partner in 2012.

Ariannol Trustees (Suisse) SA will be integrated into the existing Fides trust company in Geneva. Robert Darlington, the Managing Director of Fides Trustees SA, who previously headed the Barclays trust company in Geneva, will be the Managing Director of the combined business, supported by a senior management team including Martin Bowen, Oliver Donagher and Fabrice Burgniard (founding Director of Fides Trustees SA).

Fides was founded in 2010 and is an independent, privately owned, boutique multi-family office specialising in Trust, Real Estate and Family Advisory Services with offices in Geneva and London.

#### **Ilan Kapelus, Group CEO, Fides Holdings SA**

“We have been looking for an opportunity to further enhance and expand our trust business in Geneva and the addition of Ariannol Trustees (Suisse) SA will certainly achieve this by providing additional scale and capabilities as well as strong synergies across the group. We are excited to welcome Martin and Oliver as partners and are confident that, with their addition to the existing senior management team of Robert Darlington and Fabrice Burgniard, we can build on the strong foundations and culture whilst continuing to develop the business for future growth.”

#### **Martin Bowen, Founder of Ariannol Trustees (Suisse) SA**

“In today’s increasingly challenging and regulated environment it makes sense to join forces and be a part of an equally independent, privately owned company. Fides provides a perfect fit for us and the increased synergy means that both companies can benefit from the added infrastructure and continue to deliver excellent client service.”

#### **Robert Darlington, Managing Director, Fides Trustees SA**

“Martin and Oliver bring a depth of experience and expertise which strengthens Fides Trustees SA’s position as one of the leading boutique trust companies in Geneva. Fides has always prided itself on its outstanding client service and this will be further enhanced with them on board. We could not be more delighted. The success of Fides has been in part due to excellent relationships with many first class professionals, such as law and accountancy firms, which ensure our clients receive the best advice and solutions. We look forward to strengthening and growing these relationships with our new team.”

The enlarged trust business retains the independence which is important for clients while at the same time will continue to deliver high levels of client service and a prudent yet entrepreneurial approach to Trust and Corporate Services in today’s rapidly evolving world.



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Ilan and Martin