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Koelncongress GmbH appoints new Managing Director:

Ralf Nüsser to succeed Bernhard Conin

Ralf Nüsser (58) is to become the new Managing Director of Koelncongress GmbH as of 1 November 2022. The Authorised Signatory and Senior Vice President will thus be succeeding founding Managing Director Bernhard Conin (68), who has always defined himself as a "host of hosts" and will continue to serve the company until the end of February 2023 following 44 years of service. The long-time companions Conin and Nüsser will together shape the transition of the congress, event and guest event business, which is so important for the Cologne location.

Originally trained as a travel management assistant, Ralf Nüsser joined Koelnmesse's Congress department as a consultant in 1989. In 1997, he transferred to the company's newly founded subsidiary Koelncongress as Vice President Congress Centre Koelnmesse and Gürzenich. Most recently, Mr Nüsser has held the position of Authorized Signatory responsible for the guest fairs section as well as for the Congress Centres, Gürzenich, Flora and Tanzbrunnen. He had also been in charge of Koelnmesse's Protocol section since 2000.

Ralf Nüsser has 33 years of hands-on experience, comprehensive know-how and the best connections in the congress and event sector. With an eye to the future, he will be continuing and furthering the successful integrated marketing of guest fairs, congresses and events from a single source.

Koelnmesse GmbH's President and CEO Gerald Böse: "We would like to thank Bernhard Conin, who has been instrumental to Koelncongress GmbH's success based on his tremendous dedication and extensive experience in the event business. We are pleased to have now found someone in our own ranks in Ralf Nüsser, who will ensure a seamless transition and sustainable growth."

Bernd Petelkau, Chairman of the Supervisory Board of Koelncongress GmbH, adds: "We wish Ralf Nüsser every success for the tasks ahead! We are confident that, under his leadership, Koelncongress will be perfectly positioned to keep providing our organisers and guests the accustomed level of continuity, creativity and professionalism."

Use the following link to download portraits of Bernhard Conin and Ralf Nüsser:

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Koelncongress GmbH was founded in 1994 from the former Congress department of Koelnmesse. It is a wholly owned subsidiary of Koelnmesse GmbH and, with more than 50 employees, it serves as a full-service provider in four business segments: Guest Fairs, Congresses and Meetings, Corporate Events and Social Events. Up to 30 guest fairs at the Koelnmesse trade fair grounds, as well as an additional 2,000 events with more than one million visitors, take place each year in attractive locations including the Gürzenich, the Tanzbrunnen Köln, the Rheinterrassen and the Flora Köln, as well as in the Koelnmesse Congress Centres and soon also in the multifunctional Confex event hall.

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Koelnmesse employs around 1000 people. As a city trade fair in the heart of Europe, it occupies the third largest trade fair grounds in Germany and, with almost 400,000 m² of hall and outdoor space, is among the top ten largest trade fair grounds in the world. Each year, Koelnmesse organises and manages around 80 trade fairs, guest events and special events in Cologne and in the most important markets all over the world. Its portfolio reaches over 54,500 exhibiting companies from 122 countries and around three million visitors from more than 200 nations. Until 2034, Koelnmesse is investing more than 700 million euro in the development of the trade fair grounds into the most extensive investment programme in its history, to allow it to cover all event formats in the future.

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