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Baton change at Hirslanden:

Robert Bider hands over operational responsibility to Ole Wiesinger

After serving as CEO of the Hirslanden private-clinic group, Dr. Robert Bider is retiring at the end of the year. Robert Bider, who took his doctorate in engineering at the ETH [*Eidgenössische Technische Hochschule*, the Federal Technical University], is regarded as the founder of the Hirslanden Group, which he developed into Switzerland's largest private-health company, giving international standing to the name of Hirslanden. His successor, Dr. Ole Wiesinger, will assume office during the second half-year.

Born in Lucerne, Robert Bider (60) built up Hirslanden in Switzerland over a period of 23 years. Starting in 1985 as director of the Hirslanden Private Clinic in Zürich, he expanded the company progressively until today it comprises 13 clinics throughout Switzerland. With great foresight he amalgamated Hirslanden successfully with an international investor in the private-health sector that has its eye very much on the future, the South African Medi-Clinic Corporation. Robert Bider's retirement is taking place as planned following Hirslanden's initial phase of integration in the Medi-Clinic group, his reaching of retirement age in 2009 and against a background of excellent business development. This is the natural moment for a change of generation at the highest level of management.

With today's appointment of Ole Wiesinger as CEO designate, the board of the Hirslanden Group of private clinics is laying the foundation for further chapters of the unique success story that is Hirslanden's contribution to healthcare in Switzerland. May the name of Hirslanden continue in days to come to stand for first-rate service, innovation and growth.

The 46-year-old Ole Wiesinger is an internal appointment. The physician and health economist worked in a number of positions for the German private hospital group Euromed from 1995 until 2004, latterly as their CEO. The father of four children, who had grown up in Nuremberg, has managed the Hirslanden Clinic for four years, from 2004 until 2008. Until Ole Wiesinger takes over, Robert Bider will continue to run the group's affairs. However, the board president Dr. Edwin Hertzog wishes to already take this opportunity of thanking Robert Bider for his outstanding achievements and for his commitment to the company.

Robert Bider will continue to play an active role as a member of the boards both of Hirslanden and of the international parent company, Medi-Clinic.

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