

Media release

## **New CEO for AZEK and SFAA**

**The Swiss Training Centre for Investment Professionals AZEK and the Swiss Financial Analysts Association SFAA have appointed Dr. Andreas Jacobs as the new CEO.**

*Bülach, January 30, 2017* – The new CEO, Dr. Andreas Jacobs (52), will take up his duties as per February 15, 2017. He succeeds Dr. Giuseppe Benelli, who has been leading the two organizations on an interim basis since the resignation of the long-serving head Dr. Jean-Claude Dufournet. Dr. Dufournet, who resigned for health reasons, has been supporting AZEK and SFAA since March 2016 as a Senior Advisor to the Board.

Andreas Jacobs brings more than 20 years of experience in executive positions in the areas of asset management, wealth management and private equity in Switzerland and abroad. In addition, he is an experienced and very skilled lecturer and an expert in applied financial market research. Since 2010, he has been serving as Chairman of the Board of OLZ, an independent asset and wealth management company. Before joining AZEK and SFAA, he was Managing Partner and CFO of Aravis, a private equity provider. Andreas Jacobs holds a doctorate in economics from the University of Berne.

“During my professional activity, I have experienced again and again the fundamental importance of a solid and sound education for financial professionals. The financial industry is facing a rapidly changing climate and a rising complexity where continuous knowledge updates become increasingly more important. I am looking forward to my start at AZEK and enhancing its position and training programs in this challenging environment.”, says Andreas Jacobs.

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Note for the media:

### **Financial Analysts Association SFAA and training centre AZEK**

The Swiss Financial Analysts Association SFAA is a non-profit association for financial analysts, portfolio, wealth and fund managers and specialists in operations with more than 2'800 members worldwide. The association's training centre AZEK was founded in 1990 and is a leading provider of professional training programs in the areas of financial analysis and portfolio management, wealth management and financial market operations. More information can be found at [www.sfaa.ch](http://www.sfaa.ch) and [www.azek.ch](http://www.azek.ch).