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Thomas Schmidt resigns as Managing Director of Alpha Trains Passenger Division – Bernhard Holzer appointed new Managing Director

Alpha Trains announces that Thomas Schmidt has decided to resign from his position as Managing Director of Alpha Trains Europa GmbH, and the Passenger Division for personal reasons with effect from 31 August 2023. The new Managing Director and Thomas Schmidt's successor will be Bernhard Holzer.

Bernhard has been with Alpha Trains since 2016 and during that time, and in his previous roles in banking and equity investments, has had many years of experience in the railway industry. Since 2016, Bernhard has been responsible for the Investment and Funding department at Alpha Trains. In 2019, he was promoted to Group Investment Funding Director and thus part of the Alpha Trains' senior management.

Thomas and Bernhard have worked closely together since 2016 and as a result the management transition will ensure stability and continued development of Alpha Trains.

"We would like to thank Thomas for his outstanding work and commitment to Alpha Trains over more than two decades. His leadership and expertise have been instrumental in the success of the company. He will be missed but we respect his decision and wish him all the best for the future. I am confident that Bernhard is the right successor, who will continue to develop and grow the business," says Fernando Pérez, CEO of Alpha Trains Group.

"I have not taken this decision lightly, but after 21 successful years at Alpha Trains, 10 of them as Managing Director and Head of the Passenger Division, the time has come for me to take a break and have some time out. I am proud of what we have achieved together and have full confidence in Bernhard as my successor. His expertise and commitment will undoubtedly take Alpha Trains forward," says Thomas Schmidt.

About Alpha Trains

Alpha Trains is the leading rolling stock lessor in Europe. A total of 130 employees from 17 countries work in offices in Luxembourg, Antwerp, Cologne, Madrid, Paris and Warsaw. Alpha Trains owns more than 1,000 locomotives and passenger trains and offers tailor-made leasing solutions, comprehensive know-how in maintenance and vehicle repairs as well as long-term experience in the financing of new-build projects. Alpha Trains' fleets are in use at many public and private operators in 22 European countries. Alpha Trains' shareholders are APG, Arcus European Trains, PGGM and Swiss Life.

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