

## Swissquote strengthens its Board of Directors

During the General Assembly of June 7, 2001 in Bern, Swissquote Group Holding Ltd' s Board of Directors will recommend the election of an additional member to the Board: **Mario Fontana**.

The 54-year old Mario Fontana has been a Board of Directors professional since 1999. He directs among others the Board of Directors of two companies listed on the Swiss Exchange (SWX): Bon appétit Group and Leica Geosystems. He is also a member of the Board of Directors of the Swiss Federal Railways. Mario Fontana worked for 25 years in the computer industry, of which the last 15 years were at Hewlett-Packard. There, he first ran the Swiss branch, before taking on responsibility for the system business in Germany and later in Europe. He then joined the general management of the group, in Cupertino (USA), as worldwide head of the Financial Services Business unit. Mario Fontana is Swiss and lives in Féchy (VD). He studied at the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Zurich and at the Georgia Institute of Technology, where he obtained a Master of Science.

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Swissquote Group is a leading provider of Web-based financial services (financial information and Internet banking) and of Web services in Switzerland and France. The Group employs 175 people at its headquarters in Gland (VD) and in its branches in Schwerzenbach (ZH) and Paris. Swissquote (SQN) is quoted on the SWX New Market.

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