

# Webinar «Responsible Business Initiative»

Consequences of outcome from November 29 vote on companies and their stakeholders

The Responsible Business Initiative ("RBI") intends to strengthen stakeholder rights with respect to holding companies responsible for their actions and behavior along their value chain, which also includes their suppliers. The public vote on the RBI will take place on 29 November 2020. The Swiss Parliament agreed on an indirect counterproposal for the RBI, which will automatically be adopted should the Swiss people reject the RBI. Regardless of whether the RBI or the counterproposal will be adopted, many Swiss companies will face increased reporting and due diligence requirements. We will discuss the consequences for Swiss companies and their stakeholders and provide background on possible new regulation.

Date December 1, 2020

### **Agenda**

From 16.45 Dial-in

17.00 Welcome, consequences of the vote and the regulatory path forward

Barbara A. Heller, Managing Partner, SWIPRA Services, Host

17.15 Discussion of scenarios for companies and impacts for their stakeholders

Dr. Markus Neuhaus, member of various boards of Directors

17:35 Interactive Q&A with all participants

18:00 End of webinar

## Registration

Please register <u>here</u> free of charge. Upon registration, you will receive the dial-ins. When you dial-in, you will enter a waiting room. All participants will join together upon the organizer starting the webinar.

#### Dr. Markus Neuhaus

Vice-Chairman of Barry Callebaut, Member of the Boards of Jacobs Holding, Galenica, Baloîse and Orior, former Chairman of PWC Switzerland, Vice-Chairman of the Foundation Board of Avenir Suisse, Chairman of the Finance and Tax Committee of economiesuisse, Member of the Foundation Board of ETH, Vice Chairman of the Zurich Chamber of Commerce, as well as Vice Chairman of the Foundation Board of stars. Markus studied law at the University of Zurich and received a doctorate degree in law in 1988.

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