HanseYachts AG Press Release

Hanjo Runde new Chairman of the Management Board at HanseYachts AG - Appointment underlines longstanding commitment of AURELIUS Group

Greifswald, 7 April 2021: Since its foundation in 1990, HanseYachts AG has developed into one of the largest series manufacturers of oceangoing sailing and motor yachts, as well as luxurious catamarans. The company has been listed on the stock exchange since 2007, and since 2011, the largest shareholder has been the Munich-based AURELIUS Group, which holds some 79.53% of the issued shares. HanseYachts employs around 1,500 people. Production takes place at the sites in Greifswald (Germany), Goleniow (Poland) and Les Sables-d'Olonne (France).

Hanjo Runde has been appointed by the Supervisory Board as the new Chairman of the Management Board at HanseYachts AG. He will assume the new role on 1 December 2021 in order to set a course for further growth and strengthen the team as the business expands its market position and product lines.

Gert Purkert, Chairman of the Supervisory Board of HanseYachts AG and CEO of AURELIUS Equity Opportunities SE & Co. KGaA said: "We are pleased to have found a new Chairman of the Board in Hanjo Runde. He will significantly strengthen the successful HanseYachts team with his international experience and extraordinarily broad background, including extensive management experience at Airbus, Hilti and SieMatic. We underscore our longstanding commitment to HanseYachts by this step, and we look forward to continuing this success story with Hanjo Runde."

Hanjo Runde said: "HanseYachts is successful and well positioned for the future, not least because of the passion of the employees that is evident in the products. Becoming part of the crew is a very appealing prospect. I am particularly looking forward to building on the existing brand policy and product lines, as well as expanding digitisation. I am also very attached to the region from a personal and family perspective. The products of this strong brand have inspired me for a long time."

Personal statements by the Management Board members of HanseYachts AG Dr Jens Gerhardt said: "I welcome the decision as a sign of commitment to our products and manufacturing sites from the AURELIUS Group. We are delighted that Mr Runde is joining us and are convinced that he will greatly strengthen our corporate strategy with his expertise."

Sven Göbel said: "Mr Runde comes to us as a successful manager with great experience and entrepreneurial vision. HanseYachts will benefit because we are united by the goal of success, from which the employees, suppliers and dealers, the region and above all our customers will also benefit."

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Hanjo Runde (41) comes from the international kitchen manufacturer SieMatic GmbH & Co. KG, where he has been hugely successfully as CEO. Prior to that, he held management positions at the Hilti Group and Airbus for many years. Runde studied business administration in Hamburg, Zurich and Boston.

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