

PRESS RELEASE

Thomas Buberl Appointed to Supervisory Board of Bertelsmann SE & Co. KGaA

Gütersloh, January 16, 2018 – Thomas Buberl (44), Chief Executive Officer of the French insurance group AXA, has been appointed to the Supervisory Board of Bertelsmann SE & Co. KGaA with immediate effect. Bertelsmann, the international media, services and education company, is thus adding an internationally experienced sales and digital expert to its supreme supervisory body. In his function at the helm of the AXA Group, Thomas Buberl is responsible for the strategic direction of a major global corporation. With revenues of around €100 billion and 165,000 employees, the listed company is one of the leading insurance groups in the world.

Bertelsmann Supervisory Board Chairman Christoph Mohn said: “In Thomas Buberl, our Supervisory Board gains an internationally experienced and highly esteemed manager. He has already amply demonstrated his strategic and entrepreneurial expertise in various positions. His profound knowledge in the field of digitalization of services and sales processes makes him ideally suited to advising Bertelsmann on implementing the corporate strategy. I very much look forward to our cooperation and to his strategic input.”

Thomas Buberl holds a Master of Economics from WHU Koblenz (Germany), an MBA from Lancaster University (U.K.), and a PhD in Economics from the University of St.Gallen (Switzerland). In 2008, he was nominated as a Young Global Leader by the World Economic Forum. From 2000 to 2005, Buberl worked for the Boston Consulting Group as a consultant to the banking and insurance sector. He started his career at AXA Group in 2005.

The Supervisory Board of Bertelsmann SE & Co. KGaA is now composed as follows:

Christoph Mohn, Chairman of the Supervisory Board, Chairman of the Reinhard Mohn Foundation Executive Board, Managing Director Christoph Mohn Internet Holding GmbH, Shareholder Bertelsmann Verwaltungsgesellschaft mbH

Prof. Dr.-Ing. Joachim Milberg, Vice Chairman of the Supervisory Board, former Chairman of the Supervisory Board, BMW AG, Shareholder Bertelsmann Verwaltungsgesellschaft mbH

Prof. Dr. Ing. Werner J. Bauer, Former Head of Innovation, Technology, Research and Development, Nestlé AG, Shareholder Bertelsmann Verwaltungsgesellschaft mbH

Kai Brettmann, Chairman of the RTL Group European Works Council, Chairman of the Mediengruppe RTL Deutschland Corporate Works Council

Dr. Thomas Buberl, CEO of AXA Group

Murat Cetin, Chairman of the Works Council, Arvato Direct Services Dortmund GmbH,
Chairman of the General Works Council, Arvato CRM II

Helmut Gettkant, Chairman of Bertelsmann SE & Co. KGaA Corporate Works Council

Ian Hudson, Chief Executive Officer, Dorling Kindersley (DK)

Bernd Leukert, Member of the Executive Board of SAP SE

Gigi Levy-Weiss, Angel Investor

Dr. Brigitte Mohn, Chairwoman of the German Stroke Foundation, Member of the Executive Board, Bertelsmann Stiftung, Shareholder Bertelsmann Verwaltungsgesellschaft mbH

Liz Mohn, Vice Chairwoman of the Executive Board, Bertelsmann Stiftung, Chairwoman of the Board, Bertelsmann Verwaltungsgesellschaft mbH

Hans Dieter Pötsch, Chairman of the Supervisory Board, Volkswagen AG, Chairman of the Executive Board and CFO, Porsche Automobil Holding SE

Kasper Rorsted, Chief Executive Officer, Adidas AG

Christiane Sussieck, Chairwoman of the Corporate Works Council, Bertelsmann SE & Co. KGaA, Vice Chairwoman of Bertelsmann SE & Co. KGaA Corporate Works Council

Bodo Uebber, Member of the Executive Board, Daimler AG

About Bertelsmann

Bertelsmann is a media, services and education company that operates in about 50 countries around the world. It includes the broadcaster RTL Group, the trade book publisher Penguin Random House, the magazine publisher Gruner + Jahr, the music company BMG, the service provider Arvato, the Bertelsmann Printing Group, the Bertelsmann Education Group and Bertelsmann Investments, an international network of funds. The company has 116,000 employees and generated revenues of €17.0 billion in the 2016 financial year. Bertelsmann stands for creativity and entrepreneurship. This combination promotes first-class media content and innovative service solutions that inspire customers around the world.

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