

Press release

## **Ahlers attracts Bleckmann and Schneider top managers to board of directors**

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During the General Assembly of Shareholders Kurt Pierloot and Johan Vanderplaetse were appointed members of the board of directors of Ahlers n.v. Kurt Pierloot brings his pioneering experience in ecommerce, Johan Vanderplaetse has significant expertise in the Russian market in which Ahlers is an important player.

Kurt Pierloot was appointed CEO of Bleckmann in 2019, a world class partner of choice for fashion and lifestyle brands, recognised as a leader in omni-channel logistics. He has a deep experience in the logistic sector with an established track record in ecommerce and operations. He was CEO of bpost's Mail and Retail Business Unit after having led the Parcels & Logistics Business. He also sits on the board of directors of Recticel.

Johan Vanderplaetse is Senior Vice-President and President Russia/CIS of Schneider Electric, an innovative and world-leading technology company providing energy and automation solutions. He lives and works in Moscow and is also president of the Association of European Businesses (AEB), an independent non-profit organisation and the main representative body of foreign investors in Russia.

"We are pleased to be able to count on the expertise of these new directors", says Christian Leysen, chairman of the board of directors of Ahlers n.v. "Their experience and knowledge will be valuable assets in the roll-out of Ahlers' strategy for the coming years".

"I wish to express my sincere gratitude and appreciation to the resigning directors Jean-Pierre Saelen and Luc Luyten. It has been a privilege to me to count on their precious advice during the past years", continues Leysen.

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