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The University of Basel Becomes a Partner University of the Swiss Finance Institute (SFI)

Zurich, January 22, 2024—The Swiss Finance Institute (SFI) is one of the world's leading research institutions in the field of banking and finance. Its most recent member—the University of Basel—is Switzerland's oldest university, its foundation dating back to 1460. Within the SFI network, renowned professors from the universities of Geneva, Lausanne, Lugano, St.Gallen, Zurich, and now also Basel, as well as from ETH Zurich and EPFL, work on issues related to banking and finance, thereby significantly contributing to the promotion of financial expertise in the Swiss financial center through training and continuing education.

SFI provides the Swiss financial center with a renowned think tank of global reach. The research and teaching activities of distinguished professors from the universities of Geneva, Lausanne, Lugano, St.Gallen, and Zurich, as well as from ETH Zurich and EPFL, promote expertise in the Swiss financial sector, helping it maintain its competitiveness. Another Swiss education and research institution, the University of Basel, is now joining this network. Thanks to the focus of its Faculty of Business and Economics on research issues related to Fintech, digital banking, innovative finance, and financial market regulation, the University of Basel ideally complements the existing group of SFI partner institutions.

"SFI actively promotes world-class research and teaching in banking and finance in Switzerland by bringing together the brightest academic minds from its partner universities. We are delighted that the University of Basel has now joined this circle. The academic insights gained will flow into practice-oriented training courses, publications, and public events at SFI and thus also influence the way key players in the financial sector think and act," observes Prof. François Degeorge, Managing Director of SFI. "Our PhD students in Finance will benefit from SFI's network," adds Prof. Pascal Gantenbein of the University of Basel. Prof. Angelo Ranaldo, who will join the University of Basel as Professor of Finance and Financial Economics on August 1, 2024, emphasizes: "This partnership represents a significant milestone and will allow us to profoundly improve our research capabilities."

SFI and the University of Basel plan to launch their collaboration in early 2024. Simultaneously, professors from the University of Basel will become active members of SFI's academic network.

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Swiss Finance Institute (SFI)

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University of Basel

Founded in 1460, the University of Basel is Switzerland's oldest university. It offers a wide range of courses that prepare students for demanding jobs in a changing world. As a modern research university with a focus on the life sciences and medicine, it promotes the transfer of knowledge and technology, invests in young scientists and maintains strong partnerships. The University of Basel ranks among the 150 best universities in the world and among the top 15 in the German-speaking world. The focal areas of the Faculty of Business and Economics are “Money and Finance”, “Energy and Environment” and “Economic Policy”. The faculty traditionally emphasizes the integration of business and economics in its curricula and programs. www.unibas.ch