

## AusCham Newsletter - Spring 2021



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### message from the president

Dear AusCham Members, Partners, Associates and Friends

Spring is the season of new beginnings and the revised restrictions from the Swiss Federal Council of Public Health came into force on the first day of spring. We look forward to the coming months and hopefully, the beginning of our long-awaited 'in person' events.

In the meantime, we are delighted to connect with you at our online events outlined below. We welcomed the new Australian Ambassador to Switzerland, Philip Green, at an AusCham Board Meeting, and we look forward to introducing you to him at our next webinar. We are also delighted to advise that the Ambassador is the new Patron of AusCham, pledging his support to work with the leadership team and the members to further develop the bilateral business relationship and opportunities.

As soon as we are permitted by the Swiss Federal Council, our popular 'in person' events will resume. Always on the lookout for event ideas, we welcome your suggestions regarding relevant topics and engaging speakers.

In the interim, stay safe and we look forward to seeing you and your colleagues virtually through our online events detailed below.



Kind regards

Vicki Tanner  
President @Australian Swiss Chamber of  
Commerce

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### upcoming events



**Wednesday, 10th March 2021** an exclusive online event to "Meet the Australian Ambassador" to celebrate the recent appointment of Philip Green as the Australian Ambassador to Germany, Switzerland and Liechtenstein. Olivia Chang, a senior editor with Forbes DACH and AusCham Advisory Board member, will discuss with the Ambassador the key objectives for his term and the opportunities for collaboration between Swiss and Australian businesses, with AusCham's support. Following the discussion, join AusCham members, Swiss media and business community (along with a glass of your favourite Australian wine!) for an open Q&A session with the Ambassador.

[Register](#)

**18th March** - as part of our Australian Business in Europe (ABIE) collaboration, join us for a webinar on '**Opportunities for a sustainability-driven recovery**': perspectives between Australia & Europe, featuring the following [speakers](#):

- Xavier Barbaro - Chairman & CEO @Neoen
- Jeff Connolly - Chairman & CEO @Siemens Australia Pacific
- Roland Schmidt - MD @Macquarie Capital



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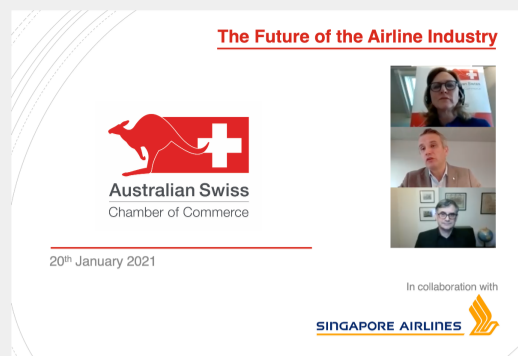


**Save the Date - 12th April** - webinar on 'Managing Changes in the Workplace' featuring the following panelists:

- Christian Schmitz, CEO @Selecta Group
- Ellie Filler, Chair, Member of Advisory Board EMEA @Korn Ferry
- Elisa Rönkä, Head of Digital Market Development, Europe @Siemens

More information to follow.

**recent events**



**20th January:** we were delighted to host an informative and topical webinar on the impact of the covid-19 crisis on the airline industry featuring Jonathan Wober, Aviation Analyst & Consultant and Chief Financial Analyst for CAPA (Centre for Aviation). Alastair Hay-Campbell, General Manager for DACH (Germany, Switzerland & Austria) markets at Singapore Airlines, a long standing AusCham corporate member, discussed the specific challenges faced by Singapore Airlines during the pandemic, plans for recovery, sustainability as well as the safety measures being taken for leisure and business travel in the future.



**27th January:** the recently appointed Australian Ambassador to Germany, Switzerland and Liechtenstein, Philip Green, met online with the AusCham Board and Advisory Board members to discuss the Ambassador's objectives for this term and the opportunities for collaboration. The AusCham Board members offered an insight into the challenges and prospects in their respective industries.

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## member news

Congratulations to [Christine Moehler](#), a long term member of AusCham, who was recently promoted to Counsel at Pestalozzi Attorneys at Law in January 2021.

Before joining Pestalozzi Attorneys at Law in Zurich, Christine was employed as a clerk at a Swiss District Court. In 2011, she worked for the leading Australian law firm Clayton Utz and was a visiting scholar at the University of Sydney.



*"I very much appreciate my new position as Counsel. The promotion acknowledges my successful work in the past. It is a great incentive to manage my cases even more efficiently and competently in the future for the best possible outcome for the client."*

Christine is a lawyer who specialises in national and international arbitration and state court litigation. Her main areas of practice are disputes relating to energy and commodities, construction, life sciences and financial services.

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## did you know?

- Around 250 Swiss companies are active in Australia
- In 2019, Switzerland ranked as the 12th largest investor in Australia with an investment stock worth A\$56.1 billion
- Australia invested A\$33.7 billion in Switzerland in the same year, making it Australia's 14th largest investment destination. Notable Australian companies in Switzerland include Amcor, Macquarie Group and AusCham members, Cochlear, IFM Investors and CSL Behring

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## your feedback

At AusCham, our in-person networking events have always been a great platform to connect and expand our business contacts. Now, the world is a different place and in these challenging times, we are all faced with finding new and innovative ways of doing business.

How can AusCham help you?

- do you have anything you would like to promote - a milestone, a new initiative?
- do you have any ideas for webinar topics?
- do you have any special offers to share with fellow AusCham members?
- would you like to join AusCham as an individual or corporate member? More information on [membership and how to join](#).

Your feedback on how we can better provide our services is important to us. Please contact us at [AusCham](#) and don't forget to follow us on [LinkedIn](#).

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