

**Media release**

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## **Paul Horstink to head Aerostructures Switzerland at RUAG International**

**RUAG International's aerostructures business is getting reinforcement. As of August 16, 2021, Paul Horstink will take over as Head of the Swiss organisation. His goal: to lead Aerostructures into the future at the Emmen site for customers like Pilatus, Boeing and Saab.**

RUAG International's aerostructures business will be structured into two operating units with immediate effect: the Airbus business with high rate assembly at the Oberpfaffenhofen (Germany) and Eger (Hungary) sites, and the Swiss aerostructures business with small rate assembly for customers Saab, Pilatus and Boeing at the Emmen site.

### **Strengthening core competencies in Switzerland**



For Aerostructures in Switzerland, RUAG International was able to recruit Paul Horstink, an experienced aviation expert.

As a Dutch aeronautical and industrial engineer, he started his career at KLM in various leadership roles, worked for Stork Fokker Aerostructures and was technical director of Martinair. Then he left for the UAE to work for Abu Dhabi Aircraft Technologies. After coming back to Europe he set up and lead the group maintenance organisation of the Thomas Cook Airlines across Europe. In 2015 he went to SRT to transform the component business. The last 5 years he has had various roles (Line Maintenance, Heavy Maintenance, Commercial and business development) at Iberia

MRO, driving major improvements on all areas of customer excellence. Now the 50 year old aviation leader is looking forward to utilise his aviation experience in the road to customer excellence for RUAG Aerostructures Switzerland.

André Wall, CEO of RUAG International, says: "With Paul Horstink, we have an experienced leader lined up who is very familiar with the needs of our customers in the aviation business. Combined with the technical expertise of the team in Emmen, I am confident that we will accelerate the transition we have started and lead the business into the future for the benefit of our customers."

Ralf Drees, who started at RUAG International in March 2021, will focus on managing the Airbus business in Germany and Hungary. In focus: ramping up production recovering from the

unprecedented aerospace collapse, while ensuring quality and driving innovation for Airbus in engineering projects.

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**RUAG Aerostructures** is a global first-tier supplier of aerostructures for civil and military customers. Key activities include the development, production and final assembly of complete fuselage sections, wing and control surface components as well as sophisticated component assemblies and parts for civil and military aircraft. One of the business segments' strengths is the management of complex supply chain networks. Among other things, it is responsible for the complete global fuselage section supply chains for Airbus.

**RUAG International** is a Swiss technology group with production sites in 14 countries, the company is divided into the four business units Space, Aerostructures, MRO International and Ammotec. RUAG International employs around 6,500 people, around two thirds of whom work abroad. [www.ruag.com](http://www.ruag.com)