

## Media Release

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### GF to propose Ton Büchner as new Board member in April 2026

**GF will propose the candidacy of Ton Büchner to its Board of Directors at the Annual Shareholders' Meeting 2026.**

Ton Büchner (1965) is a dual citizen of Switzerland and the Netherlands. He has served as Chairman of the Board of Directors of Swiss Prime Site AG since 2020, he is a Board member of Novartis AG since 2016 and has been the Chairman of Burckhardt Compression AG from 2020 until 15 December 2025. Prior to that, he was the Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Executive Board of AkzoNobel NV from 2012 to 2017, and Chief Executive Officer of Sulzer AG from 2007 to 2011. He also knows Asia well, having lived and worked in Southeast Asia for several years and having led Sulzer's representative office in China for four years. Ton Büchner holds a Master's degree in Civil Engineering from Delft University of Technology (Netherlands) and a Master's degree in Business Administration from IMD Lausanne (Switzerland).

Yves Serra, Chairman of the Board of Directors of GF, commented: "The multi-faceted experience of Ton in leading industrial companies, his international expertise and his deep anchoring in Switzerland make him an ideal candidate. We look forward to welcoming him to our Board as of April 2026."

With his election, the number of GF Board members will increase from seven to eight. The next Annual Shareholders' Meeting of GF will take place on 15 April 2026 in the IWC Arena, Schaffhausen (Switzerland).

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#### Corporate Profile

GF, with a rich history in industrial innovation since 1802, is actively reshaping itself to become the global leader in Flow Solutions for Buildings, Industry and Infrastructure. GF delivers Excellence in Flow by providing essential products and solutions that enable the safe and sustainable transport of fluids worldwide. As part of its strategic transformation, GF divested GF Machining Solutions on 30 June 2025 and has signed an agreement to divest its GF Casting Solutions division. Headquartered in Switzerland, GF employs about 15'700 professionals and is present in 46 countries. In 2024, GF generated sales of CHF 4'776 million. GF is listed on the SIX Swiss Exchange.

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