

# Press Release

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## 100 years of SKF in Switzerland

**On December 8th, the Swedish SKF Group proudly looks back on the 100th anniversary of its Swiss subsidiary. For this reason, the company decided to make a donation to the amount of 20 TCHF for the nursing staff supporting the COVID measures in Switzerland.**

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SKF was founded in Sweden in 1907. In 1920, the company opened its Swiss branch in Zurich's Bahnhofstrasse to sell ball and roller bearings and other machine elements for the Swiss market. Today, SKF is represented in more than 130 countries around the world and is a leading provider of rotating shaft solutions - including bearings, seals, lubrication systems and condition monitoring and maintenance services.

In Switzerland, too, SKF has expanded its business significantly over the past 100 years. Thus, for instance, in 1987 Jacob AG, a company for linear drives, was taken over. In 2008, the Swiss sales department of Actuation Systems Liestal (formerly Magnetic, a leading manufacturer of electromechanical actuators) was integrated into the SKF sales structure.

The Swiss SKF has been managed from the office and former warehouse in Schwerzenbach for more than three decades. A year ago, it was completely renovated, rebuilt and modernized. Most of the 40 employees work in national sales and provide technical advice to customers.

Erik Nelander, President Industrial Sales Europe and Middle East and Africa in SKF Group Management emphasizes: "Over the past 100 years, SKF Switzerland and its employees have earned the trust of customers again and again proving technical competence and great commitment. They have thus made an important contribution to the success of the entire company. Many thanks for that!"

Jochen Diehm, Country Manager at SKF Switzerland, is lucky to celebrate 100 years of SKF in Switzerland. "I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our customers, shareholders and supporters. They were and are an integral part of our success. We look forward to having many more years of positive cooperation." And he adds: "Since an official ceremony with customers and representatives of local authorities and associations is not possible, we will support the care workers and measures in connection with the corona pandemic with a donation. We think of everyone who is directly or indirectly affected by COVID in these difficult times."

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Jochen Diehm, Country Manager SKF (Schweiz) AG

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