

MLP suspends product partnership with the HanseMerkur Group

- MLP emphasises its independence
- Statement on the acquisition of voting rights

Wiesloch, 21 April 2021 – MLP SE is suspending active brokerage of the insurance products from the HanseMerkur Group with immediate effect, emphasising the importance of independency in its business model. This relates to the HanseMerkur Group's participation in MLP SE with 10.03 percent of the voting rights, which was announced today.

As prescribed by law for insurance brokers, now that the ten-percent threshold has been exceeded, MLP must notify its new clients of the HanseMerkur Group's shareholding by way of written customer information in future. In order to avoid any impression of a potential conflict of interests in client consulting, MLP is suspending the product partnership until further notice.

As has been communicated on several occasions, the independence from product partners is an elementary component of MLP's business model. This offers decisive added value for clients, consultants and shareholders. As an insurance broker, MLP bases the inclusion of products to its portfolio and the selection of products for consultancy on clearly defined quality criteria that are geared towards the needs of the MLP target group. MLP had informed HanseMerkur of this fact, too.

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About MLP:

The MLP Group is the partner for all financial matters – for private clients, as well as companies and institutional investors. With our six brands, each of which enjoys a leading position in their respective markets, we offer a broad range of services:

- MLP: The dialogue partner for all financial matters
- FERl: The investment expert for institutional investors and high net-worth individuals
- DOMCURA: The underwriting agency focusing on private and commercial non-life insurance products
- TPC: The specialist in occupational pension provision management for companies
- DEUTSCHLAND.Immobilien: Market place for investment properties
- RVM: Industrial insurance broker with focus on medium-sized enterprises

The views and expectations of our clients always represent the starting point in all fields. Building on this, we then present them with suitable options in a comprehensible way, so that they can make the right financial decisions themselves. In advising and supporting our clients, we examine the offers of all relevant product providers in the market. Our product ratings are based on scientifically substantiated market and product analyses. Manfred Lautenschläger and Eicke Marscholke founded MLP in 1971. Just under 2,100 self-employed client consultants and around 2,000 employees work at MLP.