

## PETER DEVLIES SUCCEEDS MARC LAUWERS AS CEO OF ARGENTA

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The Boards of Directors of Argenta Bank- en Verzekeringsgroep, Argenta Spaarbank and Argenta Assuranties have unanimously appointed Peter Devlies as the next CEO of Argenta. This appointment is subject to regulatory approval.

Peter Devlies has nearly 20 years of experience in the banking sector. He was CEO of AXA Bank Belgium until December 2021. Before that, he was executive director at Bank J. Van Breda & C° en ABK bank.

Peter Devlies will succeed Marc Lauwers who has been CEO of Argenta since September 1, 2016. Marc Lauwers' mandate as executive director and CEO of Argenta expires at the beginning of 2023. Until then, he will remain active as CEO of Argenta.

Marc van Heel, Chairman of Argenta's Board of Directors: "In September 2016, Marc Lauwers came on board as CEO of Argenta. Marc Lauwers guided Argenta through a successful transformation from savings bank to a full-fledged multi-pillar bancassurance company over the past 6 years. Argenta has experienced particularly strong growth in recent years. We have become the second bank for individuals and families in Flanders. We transformed while remaining true to Argenta's values: simple products and services, personal service. Under Marc Lauwers' leadership we achieved the highest profits in history and can combine this with the highest customer and employee satisfaction in Argenta's 66-year history, scores that are unique in the sector. We are therefore extremely grateful to Marc Lauwers. At the same time, we are looking ahead to the future. In a challenging economic and social context, we are pleased that Marc Lauwers can pass the torch to Peter Devlies. He has more than earned his stripes in the sector and will be able to use this experience to continue along this path.

With Peter Devlies and the teams at the head office and in the branches, Argenta has a firm grasp of the future. And we look forward to it with great confidence."

The exact date for the succession is not yet known and partly depends on the time required for the new CEO to be approved by the regulators.

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## **About Argenta**

Argenta Bank- en Verzekeringsgroep is a bank and insurance company for families, operating in Belgium and the Netherlands. Argenta Spaarbank focuses on the banking activities and Argenta Assuranties on the insurance activities.

Further information can be found on www.argenta.eu