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PRESS RELEASE

DOGAN SEVIM SUCCEEDS ARNAUD CLOSSON AS CIRFS PRESIDENT

Doğan SEVIM has been elected by the CIRFS members to take on the role of President at today's AGM.

He succeeds **Arnaud CLOSSON**, whose mandate has expired and who will remain a member of the Board as past-President.

Arnaud CLOSSON comments:

*"I am very pleased that **Doğan SEVIM** has been unanimously elected to follow me as CIRFS President. He has been actively involved in CIRFS, amongst others as a Board member. **Doğan SEVIM** has senior experience and a long and very successful record in the man-made fibres industry. In his current role as Chief Global Sales and Marketing Officer at Kordsa, Dogan has on many occasions highlighted the indispensable contribution of CIRFS to the development of man-made fibres in Europe and its fundamental role in helping the industry to adapt to a global, constrained and ever-changing world."*

Doğan SEVIM adds:

*"**Arnaud CLOSSON** has been a strong supporter of CIRFS during his presidency, underlining the key role CIRFS is playing for the industry in a constantly changing environment. He has accelerated the process of making CIRFS fit for future and I look forward to continuing this mission over the next three years. The European man-made fibres industry has been facing a series of significant challenges recently, amongst others skyrocketing energy costs, supply chain disruptions, recurring global trade distortions and increasing regulatory pressures. Despite these difficulties, our industry continues to demonstrate resilience and has a lot of competitive advantages. It remains one of the most sustainable and innovative industries worldwide, producing high-quality speciality products with outstanding environmental performance, supplying many essential downstream sectors. CIRFS will continue to support the industry in building on these strengths, fostering innovation, competitiveness, and sustainability, and helping to secure a strong and prosperous future for the European man-made fibres sector."*

Notes to Editors

1. **CIRFS** is the association for Europe's € 12 billion man-made fibres industry, representing the industry to the European authorities and providing the industry with a wide range of services. Its members cover ca. 70% of European man-made fibres output. Man-made fibres represent more than 80% of all fibres used in the European textile industry.

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2. **Kordsa Global**

Founded in 1973 as a subsidiary of Sabancı Holding, Kordsa is as a global frontrunner in its sector, supplying premier tyre companies worldwide with reinforcement materials for half a century. With time, Kordsa has broadened its reinforcing expertise, venturing into the composite market.

With the vision of "Reinforcing life," Kordsa continues to produce and invest in this direction by developing new technologies in its business lines, transforming sector standards with more sustainable and environmentally friendly alternatives. While reinforcing its position in existing business lines, Kordsa continues to invest in different areas that will create added value for the industry of the future, especially advanced material technologies with its technological infrastructure and innovation culture.

Doğan SEVIM



Doğan Sevim is Chief Global Sales and Marketing Officer at Kordsa, a world leader in reinforcement technologies specializing in tyre reinforcement and composite technologies. As a member of the Executive Leadership Team, he leads the company's global sales, marketing, sustainability, and communications functions across North America, South America, EMEA, and Asia-Pacific.

His earlier career at Kordsa spans leadership roles across various countries. Previously, as Global Account Manager based in Zurich (2017–2022), he managed Kordsa's largest global customer relationships. As Group Manager for Technical and Quality Assurance in Asia-Pacific (Jakarta, 2014–2017), he led technical teams across the region during a period of significant investment-led growth. In Thailand (Bangkok, 2013–2014), he led the technical recovery of Kordsa's plant following the devastating 2011 flood. He began his Kordsa career in Istanbul (2009–2013) as a Project Leader in the Global R&D Center, where he obtained multiple patents and published scientific articles that have been widely cited by researchers in the field.

Dogan Sevim holds a BSc in Mechanical Engineering from Istanbul Technical University (2006), an MSc in Computational Mechanics from the Technical University of Munich (2008), and completed the General Management Program at Harvard Business School (2017).

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He has been actively involved in CIRFS as a Board member and has been a strong advocate for the association's role in supporting the European man-made fibres industry.

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