

Press release

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275 years of Rahn+Bodmer Co. – a story of tradition, innovation and success in the heart of Zurich

Since its foundation in 1750, Rahn+Bodmer Co. has developed from a silk-trading business into a successful financial institution. Today, it is Switzerland’s oldest private bank and one of the few that is run by its owners. With a generational change under way, Rahn+Bodmer Co. is setting the course for the future.

“Our 275th anniversary is not only an occasion for reflecting on a successful past, but also constitutes an obligation for the future,” says Christian Rahn, partner at Rahn+Bodmer Co. “We are proud to offer our clients individual, holistic services from a single source, which are continuously adapted to meet their changing needs.”

Founded as a silk-trading business in 1750, Rahn+Bodmer Co. has developed into a stable, independent private bank over the centuries. Today, the business is managed by five partners with unlimited liability who are in the third and fourth generations of their respective families. It focuses on providing independent, comprehensive, tailored asset consultancy and management services.

Exclusive structure and steady growth

Rahn+Bodmer Co. is one of only three private banks in the legal form of a partnership in Switzerland and manages approximately CHF 16.5 billion in assets with nearly 200 employees. The Bank has been economically stable for decades; since at least the Second World War, it has been profitable without exception and has grown continuously and organically.

Generational change and a focus on the future

Since 2023, Rahn+Bodmer Co. has been undergoing a generational change, thus ensuring that the Bank is entering the future with new momentum. “The integration of the next generation will enable us to contribute fresh perspectives and couple the Bank’s tradition with future-oriented ideas,” explains Jay Bidermann, representative of the fourth generation of the Bidermann family and partner since 2023.

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Rahn+Bodmer Co.

A family business founded in 1750, Rahn+Bodmer Co. is Switzerland’s oldest private bank. Its five partners, Peter R. Rahn, Martin H. Bidermann, Dr Christian Rahn, Christian R. Bidermann and Jay Bidermann, are the third- and fourth-generation representatives of their families. As traditional private bankers, the partners are fully responsible for the liabilities of Rahn+Bodmer Co. By eschewing proprietary products, taking a long-term view and pursuing an entrepreneurial approach to business, the Bank guarantees its clients independent asset management, targeted tax advice and comprehensive financial, pension and estate planning.