

Uwe Kolks to join the Senior Advisory Council of Finadvice

The Finadvice Group is pleased to announce the expansion of the Senior Advisory Council in the person of **Dr. Uwe Kolks**.

Dr. Uwe Kolks is a Member of the Management Board of E.ON Energie Deutschland. Until 2018 he was responsible for the Germany-wide private customer business and subsequently for the Product, Marketing and Digital department. Since 2019, Uwe Kolks has been leading the integration of E.ON and innogy as Transformation Officer for the German sales business. He found his way into the electricity and gas business as a management consultant at Roland Berger & Partner International Management Consultants. Uwe Kolks studied business administration and completed his doctorate as a research assistant at the Justus Liebig University in Gießen.

Mr. Hans Poser, one of the Founders and a Managing Director at Finadvice AG in Zurich, commented: "We are honored to announce that Dr. Uwe Kolks is joining Finadvice's Senior Advisory Council. We value Uwe highly both on a professional as well as on a personal level. I have been working with Uwe for over twenty-five years on many projects and in different markets."

The Senior Advisory Council ("SAC") provides strategic advisory support to the management of Finadvice as well as its clients regarding industry and regulatory trends and further enhances Finadvice's visibility across the Energy & Utilities sector.

The existing SAC members are:

- **Gianni Operto**, a veteran utility and cleantech expert, based out of Zurich and currently acting as the President of AEE Suisse, the Industry Association of Renewables and Efficiency Industries in Switzerland and as a Non-Executive board member at several companies in Germany and Switzerland. Formerly, Mr. Operto was a private equity investor at Good Energies, a venture capitalist at Emerald Technology Ventures, the President and CEO of EWZ, the Zurich municipal electric utility and a long-standing client of Finadvice and held various senior positions with worldwide responsibility at ABB Power Generation. Mr. Operto is a graduate (MS Mech. Eng.) of the ETH Zurich and has completed executive education at LBS. He speaks four languages fluently.
- **Nicola De Sanctis**, an accomplished senior executive in the energy and utilities sector in Italy, based out of Milan, currently acting as the Chairman at Delos Power and Delos Service, the Management Companies of the infrastructure fund TAGES HELIOS, the second largest photovoltaic player in Italy by assets. Formerly, Mr. De Sanctis acted as the Chairman, CEO and General Manager of Acquedotto Pugliese, the largest water business in Italy. Previously, he was the Chairman and CEO of E.On Italia, the CEO of IREN (the municipally-owned and publicly-listed utility in the North-West of Italy), the CEO of Edison Energie Speciali (the renewable energy business of the Edf/Edison group in Italy), the CEO of the Edison gas business, a Managing Director of Waste Management Italia and held various senior positions at Agusta (helicopters) and Baxter (pharmaceuticals). Mr. De Sanctis is a graduate (MS in Nuclear Eng.) with honors of the University of Pisa and holds an MBA from INSEAD in Fontainebleau (France).

- **Dr. Leopold Windtner**, an experienced expert in the energy and electricity sector based in Linz, Austria. Mr. Windtner serves as supervisory board chairman and member of several Austrian companies and was for many years chairman of the board and general director of Energie AG Oberösterreich (formerly Oberösterreichische Kraftwerke AG). Formerly, Mr Windtner held the position of President and then Vice President of the Austrian Electricity Companies Association (Österreichs Energie). Mr. Windtner graduated in commercial science from the University of World Trade in Vienna and received his doctorate from the Vienna University of Economics and Business. Incidentally, Mr. Windtner is President of the Austrian Football Association and Vice President of the Federal Sports Organization.

About Finadvice

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