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Change in management at LBBW subsidiary

Jan Lohsträter-Zhang new Managing Director of the German Centre in Beijing

- **China expert with extensive experience gained through many years working locally for German companies**
- **German Centre in Beijing has supported companies entering the Chinese and Asian markets for more than 25 years**
- **China is an important market for LBBW and German companies**

Jan Lohsträter-Zhang took over as Managing Director of the German Centre in Beijing on 1 July 2026. The German Centre, an LBBW company, has been supporting German firms in China since 1999 by providing office space, advisory services and access to numerous key networks.

“We are very pleased to have appointed Jan Lohsträter-Zhang as Managing Director. He has been active in China for more than ten years and also brings broad management experience in medium-sized companies,” says Michael Maurer, Head of Global Trade and Payment at LBBW and Spokesman of the Management Board of German Centre GmbH. For these companies in particular, the German Centre provides an ideal starting point in China, offering office solutions, advisory services and networks that help them find their bearings in a fast-moving, innovative and complex market.

After completing his master’s degree in business administration and study stays in Brisbane, Australia, and Shanghai, China, Jan Lohsträter-Zhang initially worked in Germany as Assistant to the Management Board at Hoffmann Verpackung GmbH before moving to China in 2015. There, he worked as General Manager of the Chinese subsidiaries of automotive supplier KGM Kugelfabrik GmbH & Co. KG and as Managing Director of Vogelsang GmbH & Co. KG. Lohsträter-Zhang combines fluent Chinese language skills with intercultural expertise and has been well connected in the German-Chinese business community for many years.

German Centre in Beijing supports companies starting out and expanding in China

International business is a central pillar of LBBW’s business strategy. This includes providing comprehensive support to German companies, especially medium-sized enterprises, as they enter markets and expand abroad. In addition to its own network of locations, LBBW’s German Centres provide practical support and real added value on the ground.

LBBW’s German Centre in Beijing was founded in 1999. Since then, more than 500 companies have used it as a starting point for their activities in China. Around 70 companies currently have their China office there across 16,000 square metres, use the conference facilities and benefit from a wide range of advisory services, easy access to experts, institutions and business associations, as well as direct exchange of experience with one another. Numerous events round off the information offering. The German Centre works closely with LBBW’s locations in China — the branch in Shanghai and the representative office in Beijing, which is itself based in the German Centre.

In addition to the German Centre in Beijing, LBBW also operates German Centres in Singapore and Mexico City. More information on the German Centre Beijing and the German Centre network is available at:

http://www.germancentre.com

About LBBW
LBBW is a mittelstand-minded universal bank and a central bank for the savings banks in Baden-Württemberg, Saxony and Rhineland-Palatinate. With total assets of EUR 347 billion and around 10,800 employees, LBBW is one of the largest banks in Germany. Its core activities include business with corporate customers, especially SMEs, and business with private customers and savings banks. It also focuses on real estate and project finance in selected markets and customer-oriented capital markets business with banks, savings banks and institutional investors. SMEs and private customers in Baden-Württemberg as well as wealth management clients are served under the BW-Bank brand, while the Group's commercial real estate financing is bundled under the Berlin Hyp brand. In addition to its expertise in innovative and complex forms of investment and financing, support for tapping international markets plays a key role. LBBW operates at 16 locations in 15 countries around the world. Specialized subsidiaries in areas such as leasing, factoring, real estate, commercial direct investment business, venture capital and asset management complement the LBBW Group’s range of in-house services.

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