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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **Raoul Waldburger named director of the School of Engineering and Computer Science**

**The Bern University of Applied Sciences Board has selected Professor Raoul Waldburger as the new director of the school of Engineering and Computer Science. The current Head of the Institute for Business Engineering at the University of Applied Sciences and Arts Northwestern Switzerland (FHNW) will assume his new role on 1 June 2022.**

Professor Raoul Waldburger has many years of management experience in both the private sector and higher education sector. The 55-year-old studied chemical engineering at ETH Zurich. After completing his doctorate at the Institute of Process Engineering at ETH Zurich, he started his career as a project engineer at F. Hoffmann-La Roche AG in 1995 and completed an Executive MBA at the University of St. Gallen. In 1999, Raoul Waldburger took on staff functions in the executive management of Holcim Ltd. He subsequently assumed management roles at Holcim branches across Central and Eastern Europe as well as in the subsidiary Geocycle Ltd, which focuses on sustainability and the circular economy.

Since 2015, Raoul Waldburger has been the Head of the Institute for Business Engineering at the University of Applied Sciences and Arts Northwestern Switzerland (FHNW), where he is involved in interdisciplinary research and development projects in the field of digitisation alongside his teaching activities.

Raoul Waldburger's experience managing complex organisations speaks for itself, as does his expertise in the areas BFH values most – teaching and research. He says: 'I look forward to bringing my knowledge and experience to Bern University of Applied Sciences. I hope to contribute to the institution's further development and work with staff and students to effect sustainable change and digital transformation in our society'.

Raoul Waldburger will take up his new role on 1 June 2022. The school's current director, Professor Lukas Rohr, is set to retire 31 March 2022. Professor Roger Filliger will oversee the school in the interim.

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