

## Press Release

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### **Roy Smolders to become Hermes Fulfilment COO**

**Roy Smolders is to become Chief Operating Officer of Hermes Fulfilment GmbH, Hamburg, as of 01 July 2021. He succeeds Kevin Kuf, company CEO since the beginning of April this year.**

Alongside CFO Eva Witte, Dutchman Roy Smolders will complete the three-strong management team of the Otto Group company Hermes Fulfilment. The 39-year-old has been Head of Supply Chain Operations & Excellence at Otto Group Holding since 01 November 2020. In this position, he is responsible for network optimization and control coordination between the Group's logistics service providers and retail companies.

Roy Smolders brings with him many years of experience in the development and optimization of logistics services. The Industrial Engineering graduate began his professional career as a consultant in the field of ERP implementation. This was followed by positions of responsibility at Lekkerland and Ceva Logistics in the Netherlands, where he implemented supply-chain initiatives.

"We are extremely pleased to have enthused Roy, a highly motivated and experienced colleague, for the challenge of developing Hermes Fulfilment further and wish him a flying start", emphasises Kay Schiebur, Otto Group Executive Board Member, Services.

### **Otto Group**

Founded in Germany in 1949, today the Otto Group is a globally active retail and services group with around 52,000 employees in 30 major company groups and does business in over 30 countries in Europe, North and South America, and Asia. Its business activities are grouped into three segments: Multichannel Retail, Financial Services, and Service. In the 2019/20 financial year (to 29 February), the Otto Group generated revenues of 14.3 billion euros. With online revenues of approximately 8.1 billion euros, the Otto Group is one of the world's largest online retailers. The Group's

particular strength is its broad market presence and differentiated product and service offers to diverse customer target groups in almost all of the world's relevant economic regions. Numerous strategic partnerships and joint ventures provide the Otto Group with excellent opportunities to transfer know-how and leverage areas of synergy potential. Group companies demonstrate a high degree of corporate responsibility and willingness to collaborate with one another; at the same time this guarantees flexibility, customer proximity and optimum target-group appeal in their respective national markets.

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