

Media Release**Clariant is the new Theme Sponsor of Lucerne Festival in Summer**

Zurich/Lucerne, 5 November 2018. Lucerne Festival is pleased to announce that Clariant, one of the world's leading companies for specialty chemicals, will become the new Theme Sponsor of Lucerne Festival in Summer starting in 2019. This commitment encompassed the grand opening reception for the Summer Festival. The contract is for three years, from 2019 through 2021. Clariant has been involved as a Concert Sponsor of Lucerne Festival since 2011 and additionally provides support as Concert Sponsor for the Lucerne Festival Orchestra's Shanghai residencies in October 2018 and 2019.

"As a leading global specialty chemicals company headquartered in Switzerland, Clariant feels a close connection to Lucerne Festival and to the top-quality, international identity that it projects. We share this commitment to excellence and, together with Lucerne Festival, give talented young people a platform to develop their potential, both in the international business environment and in music. This is why Clariant supports Lucerne Festival," remarks Hariolf Kottmann, Chairman of the Board of Directors at Clariant.

"We are very proud to have Clariant at our side as the new Theme Sponsor, starting immediately," observes Michael Haefliger, Lucerne Festival's Executive and Artistic Director. "Traditionally, our Summer Festival is organized according to a general theme used to design all areas of the programming, from symphony concerts to debuts, from programs for children and young people to chamber music. The theme for the 2019 Summer Festival is 'Power.'"

About Clariant

Clariant is a leading global specialty chemicals company. The company has over 120 production sites and more than 18,000 employees on five continents. Its headquarters are located in Muttenz near Basel, Switzerland. Clariant is listed on the SIX Swiss Exchange and posted sales revenue of CHF 6.4 billion in 2017. Through its products, Clariant serves customers in a wide variety of industries, from the chemical and automotive to the cosmetics industries, making an important contribution to their net value added. Clariant's innovative and sustainable solutions help other companies not only to improve the qualities of their end products but also to protect the environment.

About Lucerne Festival

Lucerne Festival comprises a series of leading international festivals in the field of classical music. Three festivals take place every year: the Easter, Summer, and Piano Festivals. Lucerne Festival was founded in 1938; since 1999, Michael Haefliger has been Executive and Artistic Director. Every year the most acclaimed symphony orchestras travel to Lucerne to give guest performances, including the Berlin and Vienna Philharmonics and the Royal Concertgebouw Orchestra Amsterdam. The Lucerne Festival Orchestra was jointly founded in 2003 by Claudio Abbado and Michael Haefliger and brings internationally renowned orchestral musicians together

in Lucerne every summer for a period of two weeks. Riccardo Chailly has been the Orchestra's Music Director since 2016. In addition to cultivating the traditional orchestral repertoire, Lucerne Festival also attaches great importance to programming and advocating for contemporary music. Equally important is the support it gives to talented young people in the areas of Lucerne Festival Young and the Lucerne Festival Academy. Founded by Pierre Boulez and Michael Haefliger, the Academy has been helmed since 2016 by Wolfgang Rihm as Artistic Director. Graduates of the Academy continue to have a presence in Lucerne in the form of the Lucerne Festival Alumni; they are also involved around the world in first-class concert projects. The KKL Lucerne, which was designed by Jean Nouvel and is equally renowned for its outstanding acoustics and its architecture, is Lucerne Festival's central venue.

The Main Sponsors of Lucerne Festival this summer are: The Adecco Group, Credit Suisse, Nestlé AG, Roche, and Zurich Insurance Company Ltd.

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