

Team portraits

Xavier F. Kraemer

Before founding Kraemer, Schwab & Co. in 1983, Xavier F. Kraemer worked for 5 years with Union Bank of Switzerland (UBS) after having completed higher studies. Thereafter he has worked for 12 years (of which 4 in Asia) with Citibank as Investment Advisor for international private clients as well as in various management positions. At last, he was appointed Business Manager for the Private Banking division Asia Pacific and Western Hemisphere. Xavier is a Graduate of the University of Michigan's Senior Management Programme as well as of IMD in Lausanne.

Roland Schwab

Before founding Kraemer, Schwab & Co. in 1983, Roland Schwab spent five years as a Financial Analyst in Toronto. Thereafter, he was an Investment Advisor at Bank Jenni & Cie AG in Basle. At last, he held the position of a Portfolio Manager at Citibank in Zurich and managed the company's pension fund. Roland acquired a master's degree in Economics from the University of St. Gallen (HSG). In addition, he completed the Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) program. Roland is the CEO and a member of the board of directors of Kraemer, Schwab & Co. AG.

Romano Babini

Before joining Kraemer, Schwab & Co. in 1986, Romano Babini worked with Citibank/Citicorp for 17 years, of which he spent 6 in Singapore (1977-1983), where he was in charge of the Private Banking business for South Asia. At last, upon his return to Switzerland in 1983, he was appointed Business Manager for Citicorp (Switzerland) AG for Asia Pacific and Western Hemisphere. Romano is a Graduate of the University of Chicago's Senior Management Program.

Paolo Tramontana

Before joining Kraemer, Schwab & Co., Paolo Tramontana started his career in the corporate finance bureau of UBS. Thereafter, he worked for Novartis in the area of Structuring and Execution of financial market transactions such as mergers, acquisitions, IPOs, and bond issues. Furthermore, he acquired experience in the Asset Management department of Credit Suisse Group during four years. Paolo completed his studies of Business Administration at the Bocconi University in Milan and holds a Master in Business Administration (MBA) degree from INSEAD. Moreover, he completed the Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) program.

David Erni

Before joining Kraemer, Schwab & Co. in 2012, David Erni has been working for Credit Suisse Group since 2006; first as an Investment Advisor for international UHNW private banking clients and later as a Derivatives Structurer. At last, he held the position of Chief of Staff of the Investment Products division of Clariden Leu. David holds a master's as well as a doctoral degree in Finance from the University of St. Gallen (HSG). In addition, he completed the Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) and the Chartered Alternative Investment Analyst (CAIA) program.

Markus Studer

Before joining Kraemer, Schwab & Co. in 1999, Markus Studer has worked for 10 years with Credit Suisse as a Portfolio Manager in the Private Banking department. Of these, one year he spent in Vancouver as a Swiss Representative. Markus acquired a degree in law from the University of Berne. Furthermore, he is a Graduate of the Canadian Securities Institute as well as of the Portfolio Management Program offered by the Swiss National Bank.

Reto Davatz

Before joining Kraemer, Schwab & Co. in 2001, Reto Davatz spent 10 years with Citibank in various back office functions. Later, he worked as an assistant manager with an offshore bank in the Caribbean for 3 years. After returning to Switzerland, he joined Coutts Bank as an Investment Advisor for private banking clients in Asia and South America. At last, he moved to Singapore for 5 years. Reto holds the Federal Swiss Banking Diploma.

Hans-Mathias Kaeppli

Before joining Kraemer, Schwab & Co. in 2008, Hans-Mathias Kaeppli spent 11 years as Director of the Freiaemter Bank SLO in Muri (Switzerland). After this, he moved to Neue Aargauer Bank where he was promoted to the Executive Board after 4 years. 2 years later he became CEO of Neue Aargauer Bank, a position he has held during 5 years. Hans-Mathias is a Graduate of the University of St. Gallen with special emphasis in Banking and Finance (lic. oec. HSG). Furthermore, he acquired an MBA from the International Bankers School in Chicago.

René Gretener

Before joining Kraemer, Schwab & Co. in 2011, René Gretener graduated from the Swiss Commercial School and has been working for Union Bank of Switzerland (UBS) for 10 years in various functions, of which 3 years in the bank's dedicated career development team and for the last 3 years as a Portfolio Manager for Asia-based clients. Then he took on an assignment as Assistant Representative/Business Developer for Bank Leu AG in Hong Kong for 2 years. Thereafter he worked at Swiss Bank Corporation (SBC) Zurich as an Investment Advisor/Business Developer for Asian clients for 4 years while undergoing the bank's Management Development Program. He then moved on to BNP Paribas Hong Kong to establish and run the Swiss Private Banking Team of the group's Swiss subsidiary for 8 years. Afterwards, he returned to UBS group as Senior Client Advisor, working for UBS Hong Kong during a transition year before moving to Zurich office for 7 years, servicing Hong Kong based clients.

Michael Gyger

Before joining Kraemer, Schwab & Co. in 2015, Michael Gyger has been working for UBS AG in several departments since 2006. Initially, he worked as a client advisor for retail clients and afterwards as a client advisor assistant for High Net Worth clients in Switzerland. At last, he was an Assistant for international Ultra High Net Worth clients. Michael holds a bachelor's degree acquired at the HWZ University of Applied Sciences in Business Administration Zurich.

Ursula Burkhardt

Before joining Kraemer, Schwab & Co. in 2018, Ursula Burkhardt has been working in various companies as an Administrative Assistant and Receptionist. At last, Ursula worked for 4 years for BDO Ltd., where she was heading the reception desk and had responsibilities for the apprentice training as well as for parts of the bookkeeping.

Peter Borer, Chairman of the Board

Peter Borer studied at the University of St. Gallen, the University of Paris II and the Business School of Vienna and received degrees in Economics and Law. Later, he worked as an academic assistant at the European Institute of the HSG. Since 1985, he is admitted to the bar and today is a partner with EBD lawyers in Zurich. Furthermore, since 1986 he is a lecturer for Civil Law at the Faculty of Law of the University of St. Gallen. Peter is the President of the Board of Directors of Kraemer, Schwab & Co. AG since its foundation.

Marcel Würmli, Member of the Board

After studies in Law, Marcel Würmli earned his doctoral degree (Dr. iur.) under the supervision of Prof. Wolfgang Wiegand and Prof. Peter Nobel writing his dissertation on the liability of the Swiss Financial Market Supervisory Authority (FINMA). Professionally, he was part of the team building up and developing the Legal and Compliance department of Wegelin & Co., Privatbankiers before he joined Prof. Peter Nobel as his personal assistant. Later, he led the legal department of the Financial Markets Authority (FMA) Liechtenstein and worked as a Human Resources consultant before he founded Hermes, a HR consulting and executive search company. Marcel is a lecturer at the University of St. Gallen (HSG) and president of HSG LAW Alumni. He has been a member of the Board of Directors of Kraemer, Schwab & Co. AG since 2013.