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## **Press release**

### **International Union for Housing Finance: New Secretary General**

Dr. Hartwig Hamm, Managing Director of the Association of Public Bausparkassen (LBS) in Germany and Second Vice-President of the European Federation of Building Societies (EFBS) has been appointed Secretary General of the International Union for Housing Finance (IUHF) as of 1 November 2011. In addition, it was concordantly decided by the responsible board of the International Union that at the same time the European Federation of Building Societies (EFBS) will take over the activities of the IUHF Secretariat in Brussels.

The IUHF has a long tradition of nearly 100 years. The Union offers housing finance institutions and housing finance experts worldwide a platform for dialogue and the opportunity to exchange experiences. One of its core concerns is to encourage homeownership throughout the world. As the international financial crisis was triggered originally by a housing crisis, it is the position of the EFBS that the importance of solid financing forms move more strongly into focus of people and politics.

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