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# Vifor Pharma announces changes to its Executive Committee

- Executive committee members Lee Heeson and Gregory Oakes to leave the company for personal reasons
- Succession planning ongoing

**St. Gallen, Switzerland, 12 October 2021** – Vifor Pharma Group today announced changes to its Executive Committee as current members Lee Heeson, President International, and Gregory Oakes, President North America, have decided to leave the company for personal reasons. Succession planning is currently underway and will be announced once the process has been concluded.

In parallel to these management changes, Vifor Pharma is pleased that Molly Painter is joining the company as President U.S., effective as of 18 October 2021. Molly has a proven track record of building and leading organizations across multiple therapeutic areas, and extensive experience in launching and commercializing products in the U.S..

Abbas Hussain, Chief Executive Officer of Vifor Pharma Group, commented: "I am delighted to welcome Molly Painter to Vifor Pharma. She brings a wealth of experience with over 20 years in the healthcare industry. I want to thank Lee and Greg for their contributions to Vifor Pharma and to the Executive Committee, especially for their commitment and leadership of the organization during the COVID-19 pandemic. I wish them the very best for their future endeavours, both professionally and personally."

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## About Vifor Pharma Group

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