

PRESS RELEASE

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InfoGuard is acquiring the German company Communication Systems – firmly positioning it to become one of the largest cyber security experts in the German-speaking region

Leading Swiss cyber security expert InfoGuard AG announces the full acquisition of Communication Systems GmbH (Com-Sys), an established German cyber security provider. This strategic merger marks a milestone in InfoGuard's expansion. It positions the company as one of the largest specialist cyber security providers in the German-speaking region, with its own Security Operations Centres (SOC) in Switzerland and Germany. The new, combined company has a turnover of over 100 million Swiss francs and employs more than 350 highly qualified specialists offering a comprehensive 360° cybersecurity portfolio.

Vital synergies plus an expanded range of services

InfoGuard can look back on a very successful financial year 2024 and is now pushing ahead with its expansion in the German-speaking region. The acquisition of Com-Sys bolsters InfoGuard's position on the European market. It emphasises the ambition to meet the growing demand for innovative and comprehensive cyber security – especially for SOC and incident response services – in the German-speaking region. "In recent years, we've buttressed our market position in Switzerland and successfully gained a foothold in our key markets of Germany and Austria. The acquisition of Com-Sys reinvigorates us in our stated goal of pursuing a strong growth strategy. We're set to become one of the largest cyber security experts. As such, we'll be able to offer our 360° cyber security throughout the German-speaking region in future," explains Thomas Meier, CEO of InfoGuard AG. Customers can benefit from the combined expertise and an expanded portfolio. This includes flexible and technologically leading managed detection and response (MDR) services with integral SOCs in Switzerland and Germany, incident response, managed and cloud security services (MSS), consulting and penetration testing / red teaming.

Com-Sys – a strong partner with an established market position

Communication Systems GmbH – headquartered in Neu-Isenburg near Frankfurt with a branch in Ratingen near Düsseldorf – specialises in holistic cyber security solutions as well as MDR and managed security services. With InfoGuard's existing location in Munich, the combined company covers a large part of Germany. With over 100 employees, Com-Sys primarily supports larger SMEs and critical infrastructures (KRITIS). "We're delighted to become part of one of the leading cyber security companies in the German-speaking region. The merger with InfoGuard opens up new opportunities for us to offer our customers an even more comprehensive and innovative range of services," states Daniel Heinzig, Managing Director of Com-Sys. "Above all, access to more flexible MDR services supporting a wide range of leading technology providers, as well as the expertise of the InfoGuard CSIRT (Computer Security Incident Response Team) and associated consulting and penetration testing services, will be a real boon to Com-Sys in terms of market positioning."

Working together for cyber security of the future

The acquisition is expected to be completed during the first quarter of 2025. To emphasise the strategic component of the merger, Com-Sys will be renamed InfoGuard Com-Sys GmbH during this period. Both companies are convinced that the merger will not only strengthen their market position – but also their innovative prowess in the field of cyber security in the long term. Customers can benefit from even more comprehensive support. The existing management teams will remain on board – where they can jointly drive forward integration and further expansion.



Stability and growth from our own strength

Nothing will change for InfoGuard and Com-Sys employees as a result of the takeover. The Com-Sys employees will remain with Com-Sys in the future. Daniel Heinzig, previously the sole shareholder of Com-Sys, will become a new co-shareholder of InfoGuard AG – a role where he will continue to manage Com-Sys as Managing Director. Peter Letter, Chairman of the Board of Directors of InfoGuard, adds: "We're financing this strategic step entirely from our own resources. This strengthens the independent InfoGuard Group for the future and sets the course for further organic growth. This merger is an important milestone in our vision to support customers across the German-speaking region with the best solutions and services in the face of growing cybersecurity threats – while making our world more digitally secure every day."

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InfoGuard AG specialises in comprehensive cyber security. Its 360° expertise ranges from Cyber Defence Services and Incident Response Services to Managed Security & Network Solutions for IT, OT and Cloud infrastructures and services in the areas of architecture, engineering, penetration testing & red teaming as well as security consulting. The Swiss cyber security expert provides cloud, managed and SOC services from its ISO 27001-certified and ISAE 3000 Type 2 audited Cyber Defence Centre in Switzerland.

InfoGuard, with headquarters in Baar/Zug and branches in Bern, Munich and Vienna, protects their customers in Switzerland, Germany and Austria around the clock. This is ensured by over 250 security experts. Customers include well-known banks, insurance companies, industrial companies, energy service providers, hospitals, trading companies, service providers and public authorities. Certified according to ISO/IEC 27001 and ISO 14001, InfoGuard is a BSI-qualified APT response service provider and member of FIRST (Global Forum of Incident Response and Security Teams).

Further information on InfoGuard AG's products and services as well as all press releases can be found at: <u>https://www.infoguard.ch</u>

About Communication Systems GmbH

Communication Systems GmbH is an established provider of cyber security solutions with a focus on MDR (managed security services and solutions). The company primarily serves larger medium-sized companies and the KRITIS sector. With headquarters in Neu-Isenburg near Frankfurt and a site in Ratingen near Düsseldorf, over 100 dedicated employees work on innovative security strategies and solutions every day to guide customers securely through the digital transformation. Com-Sys is ISO 27001 and ISO 9001 certified.

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