

## PRESS RELEASE

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### Elmar Zurbriggen appointed as CEO of AOT, Peter Oprandi as CFO

Advanced Osteotomy Tools (AOT) has appointed Elmar Zurbriggen as its new CEO. Simultaneously, Peter Oprandi will become CFO of the Basel-based MedTech company. They will start in their new roles as of April 1, 2022.

"Elmar and Peter have both gained decades of experience as senior managers in the life science sector, working for global market leaders such as Johnson & Johnson, Depuy Synthes, AstraZeneca and Lonza," says Dr. Erich Platzer, Chairman of AOT's Board of Directors. "We are delighted that they are now supporting AOT as CEO and CFO. Our goal is to improve patient care with innovative high-tech products. Elmar and Peter are exactly the right leaders for this."

The Swiss MedTech company AOT is best known for developing the surgical robot CARLO, which is the world's first certified surgical device to cut bone with a laser.

"I'm excited to work with a brilliant team of engineers and clinical specialists to further improve CARLO and make it available to patients around the world," says Elmar Zurbriggen. CARLO is expected to receive FDA approval for the U.S. market as well as certification for other areas of application - such as orthopaedic surgery – within this year. Elmar Zurbriggen: "Laser is the future of bone surgery. Being able to help shape this future is extremely motivating."

Peter Oprandi also meets his new role as CFO with enthusiasm: "CARLO is a true game changer that demonstrates how AOT's patented technologies are advancing surgery. I am happy to be part of this success story and full of anticipation for the road ahead."



**Elmar Zurbriggen (r.)  
with Peter Oprandi  
(l.) and CARLO**



### **About Elmar Zurbruggen:**

Elmar Zurbruggen is an internationally accomplished senior management professional with broad leadership experience in the life science industry (20 years medtech, 10 years biotech). He has excellent track records in areas such as international sales and marketing, strategy development and implementation, M&A integration and change management, product development, innovation and finance.

"I love to coach, help and support people, but also to reflect and create new ways of doing business. The most important thing for me is people who can live their passion in their work. If this works, success will set in by itself."- Elmar Zurbruggen



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### **About Peter Oprandi:**

Peter Oprandi has extensive international experience as a strategic finance and business leader with CDMOs, multinationals, start-ups and private equity. His activities in Europe, North and South America as well as Asia cover areas such as finance, audit, controlling, BD&L, supply chain, OE and operations. As part of his broad involvement in life sciences, he has been building effective partnerships between companies and investors for years.

"I am a goal-oriented, proactive leader and a business partner with a can-do attitude. A high level of integrity, strategic agility and entrepreneurial thinking sets me apart." - Peter Oprandi



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### **About Advanced Osteotomy Tools (AOT):**

The Swiss MedTech company AOT develops novel solutions for surgery - like CARLO®, the world's first laser osteotome. After more than a decade of research and development, CARLO is in clinical use helping patients with its unique benefits. Our innovations are globally protected by more than 10 patent families.

Further information: [www.aot.swiss](http://www.aot.swiss)



## About CARLO®:

The acronym CARLO stands for: **C**old **A**blation **R**obot-guided **L**aser **O**steotome

CARLO cuts bone with exceptional precision in any desired geometry by combining a cold ablation laser with robotics, navigation and intelligent software. By enabling non-contact procedures, complication risks associated with mechanical instruments are bypassed and surgeons can use functional cuts that create interlocking geometries. We at AOT believe that the combination of laser and robotics is the key to the truly digital OR of the future, where a preoperative plan can be executed autonomously with perfect accuracy every time.

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