

IVS International Forum



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The IVS International Forum, our esteemed round-table of representatives from the international community in Schaffhausen, has continued to play its role as a platform dedicated to fostering collaboration and amplifying the voices of international companies in the region. Established to intensify exchanges and advocate for the concerns of our international members within the IVS and the broader community, the forum remains a cornerstone of connectivity.

In close partnership with the Economic Promotion of the Canton of Schaffhausen, represented by Adrian Stettler, Executive Vice President International Affairs, the meetings, which are conducted in English, have become pivotal moments for sharing insights and building networks. Traditionally hosted at the premises of participating companies, these gatherings extend beyond formal agendas, in particular during the Apéros following the official agenda, which provide an informal space for exchange and networking. Tax topics were covered less this year at the IVS International Forum. While they played a crucial role in the discussions, we decided to leave this topic to other events like the tax updates of the Canton, where also many members of the IVS International Forum participated, and of course to the relevant IVS working group.

In September the forum meeting was hosted at the football stadium of FC Schaffhausen. President Roland Klein offered a behind-the-scenes tour and shared insights about their operations in an international environment of professional football sports, tackling the challenge of competing with limited resources. He talked about the importance of collaboration within Schaffhausen, be it with other football clubs or with other sports, like the Kadetten in handball or VC Kanti in volleyball. A location like Schaffhausen needs to build



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on cooperation and benefit from each other, we can't afford unnecessary internal competition. Another key message was the importance of the many local companies, which are supporting the football club. Roland Klein showed appreciation that the international company representatives show interest in the FCS and encouraged them to intensify their engagement in supporting local sports activities. Adrian Stettler provided a comprehensive overview of economic developments in the region. Before the evening transitioned into the social part with a viewing of the Challenge League match of FC Schaffhausen, the participants had a lively open discourse on the „soft location factors“ encompassing sports, culture, gastronomy, mobility, and quality of life. This inclusive discussion invited participants to share insights on Schaffhausen's allure, identify areas of improvement, and explore collaborative solutions.