

## **Approach welcomes two new Board Members**

**17 June 2021** – Approach is proud to announce the appointment of two new members to our Board of Directors: Frank Staut and Professor Bart Preneel. They will join long-term members Michel Akkermans, Executive Chairman, and David Vanderoost, CEO of Approach, as independent directors.

### **New Board Member profiles:**

- Frank Staut – currently managing partner at InvestLink, an independent investment company – co-founded SecureLink (sold to Orange in 2019) and held the position of CTO for over a decade.  
During the course of his career, Frank acquired relevant knowledge of the cybersecurity industry and a strategic mindset that will benefit Approach today. He will provide invaluable insights in the development and acceleration of our Managed Security Services.
- Professor Bart Preneel – nominated IT Person of the Year 2021 by Computable – is a professor in cryptography, information security and privacy at KU Leuven. In addition to his role as an educator, he also heads the COSIC Research group at the university. With a strong background in academia, Bart will provide input to strengthen our commitment to educate future generations of cybersecurity experts and reinforce our relations with the research community.

With their robust cybersecurity and data privacy backgrounds, they will both bring their unique expertise and skillset to support Approach's growth and continued development.

*"For our 20<sup>th</sup> corporate anniversary, we are delighted to see Frank and Bart joining our Board of Directors. We will accelerate Approach's growth even more and cement our position as a European leader in cybersecurity."* Michel Akkermans, Executive Chairman.

**About Approach - [www.approach.be](http://www.approach.be)**

Approach is a company specialising in cybersecurity and privacy. Founded in 2001, Approach has more than 100 people spread across six sites in two countries, Belgium and Switzerland, and is ISO 27001 certified.

Our mission is to build the digital trust necessary to guarantee the success and growth plans of our clients.

Our 360° cyber-resilient approach is at the same time strategic, proactive, and pragmatic. It involves people, processes and technology through five pillars: anticipate, prevent, protect, detect & respond, and recover.

Hundreds of public and private companies in all sectors have already trusted us to protect their data and drive their digital transformation.

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