

Mail von Dr. Christian Leitz vom 9. April 2024 an Hans Fässler und Shelley Moorhead

Dear Mr. Fässler

Thank you for your letter to Sergio Ermotti.

While we take note of your allegations, we reject these as there is no indication that UBS predecessor institutions were involved in or derived any direct economic benefit from the transatlantic slave trade. Neither UBS nor its predecessor firms owned slaves, were involved in the slave trade, or issued insurance policies related to slavery. This conclusion has been arrived at through detailed reviews conducted by independent historians and other experts.

Kind regards,
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Antwort von Hans Fässler vom 9. April 2024 an Dr. Christian Leitz

Dear Mr. Leitz

Thank you for your lamentably short e-mail, which sadly neither lives up to the detailed argumentation and historical accuracy of my letter nor addresses the issues and the questions raised. This perfectly matches the arrogance that led to the downfall of Credit Suisse, and apparently UBS is willing to uphold continuity in this respect.

I would argue, though, that e.g. Zinskommission Leu was involved in the slave trade, indeed. I refer you to Brengard, Marcel; Schubert, Frank; Zürcher, Lukas (2020). Die Beteiligung der Stadt Zürich sowie der Zürcherinnen und Zürcher an Sklaverei und Sklavenhandel vom 17. bis ins 19. Jahrhundert: Bericht zu Handen des Präsidialdepartements der Stadt Zürich. Zürich: Universität Zürich, Historisches Seminar, pp. 19ff.

May I ask you to please provide detailed evidence until 1 May 2024 of what you mean by «detailed reviews conducted by independent historians and other experts». Failure to do so will inevitably reveal the weakness of your argument.

And let me make it clear to you, Sir, that my letter to Mr. Ermotti is not the end but rather the beginning of a (post)colonial reckoning within the financial services industry.

Yours faithfully,
Hans Fässler

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Auf dieses Mail erfolgte trotz nochmaliger Aufforderung keine Antwort mehr seitens von Dr. Christian Leitz.