

SYNGENTA AG  
Form 6-K  
December 22, 2017

**UNITED STATES**

**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

**Washington, D.C. 20549**

**FORM 6-K**

**REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-16**

**OR 15d-16 UNDER THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

For the month of December, 2017

Commission File Number: 001-15152

**SYNGENTA AG**

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

**Schwarzwaldallee 215**

**4058 Basel**

**Switzerland**

(Address of principal executive offices)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will file annual reports under cover of Form 20-F or Form 40-F:

Edgar Filing: SYNGENTA AG - Form 6-K

Form 20-F X Form 40-F

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is submitting the Form 6-K in paper as permitted by Regulation S-T Rule 101(b)(1):

Yes No  X

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is submitting the Form 6-K in paper as permitted by Regulation S-T Rule 101(b)(7):

Yes No  X

Re: SYNGENTA AG

Disclosure: **“Michel Demaré to retire from Syngenta Board”**

Herewith we furnish a press release related to Syngenta AG. The full text of the press release is the following:

###

**Syngenta International AG Media contacts:**

Media Office                      Sydne Saccone  
CH-4002 Basel                      Switzerland +41 61 323 2323  
Switzerland  
Tel: +41 61 323 2323                  Paul Minehart  
Fax: +41 61 323 2424                  USA                  +1 202 737 8913

**Analyst/Investor contacts:**

Andrew McConville  
Switzerland +41 61 323  
0618  
USA                  +1 202 737  
6521

[www.syngenta.com](http://www.syngenta.com)

[media.relations@syngenta.com](mailto:media.relations@syngenta.com)

Basel, Switzerland, December 22, 2017

**Michel Demaré to retire from Syngenta Board**

**Jürg Witmer appointed Lead Independent Director**

**Carl Casale nominated to join the Board**

Syngenta's Vice Chairman and Lead Independent Director Michel Demaré, has decided to retire from the Board after five years of service. Jürg Witmer, a Member of the Syngenta Board of Directors since 2006, has been nominated by the Board to become Lead Independent Director from 1 January, 2018.

Mr. Carl Casale, former CEO of agriculture company CHS Inc., has been nominated by the Board to join as an Independent Director. Mr. Casale has a long history in agriculture having also spent 26 years at Monsanto before his six years at CHS.

“Following the announcement of the sale to ChemChina in February 2016, I accepted the invitation from Chairman Ren Jianxin to stay on the Board of Syngenta. My aim was to facilitate closing of the transaction, implementing the new governance and to support the newly hired CEO, to drive needed strategic and operational changes. Almost two years later, I think I have contributed all that I can bring to Syngenta and to its new owner, so it is time for me to move

on at the end of the year”, Mr. Demaré said.

Ren Jianxin, Chairman of ChemChina and Syngenta Boards, said: “We greatly appreciate the tremendous contributions Michel Demaré made as Chairman of the Board until the ChemChina deal closed in May, and then as Vice Chairman, helping ensure Syngenta is set up for long term success. I am glad Jürg Witmer will follow as Lead Independent Director given his vast board experience and knowledge of Syngenta. And I look forward to the addition of Carl Casale to the Board given his deep agriculture experience.”

Syngenta – December 22, 2017 / Page 1 of 2

## About Syngenta

Syngenta is a leading agriculture company helping to improve global food security by enabling millions of farmers to make better use of available resources. Through world class science and innovative crop solutions, our 28,000 people in over 90 countries are working to transform how crops are grown. We are committed to rescuing land from degradation, enhancing biodiversity and revitalizing rural communities.

To learn more visit [www.syngenta.com](http://www.syngenta.com) and [www.goodgrowthplan.com](http://www.goodgrowthplan.com). Follow us on Twitter® at [www.twitter.com/Syngenta](https://www.twitter.com/Syngenta).

### ***Cautionary Statement Regarding Forward-Looking Statements***

*Some of the statements contained in this press release are forward-looking statements. These statements are based on current expectations, assumptions, estimates and projections, and involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors that may cause results, levels of activity, performance or achievements to be materially different from any forward-looking statements. These statements are generally identified by words or phrases such as "believe", "anticipate", "expect", "intend", "plan", "will", "may", "should", "estimate", "predict", "potential", "continue" or the negative of such terms or other similar expressions. If underlying assumptions prove inaccurate or unknown risks or uncertainties materialize, actual results and the timing of events may differ materially from the results and/or timing discussed in the forward-looking statements, and you should not place undue reliance on these statements. Syngenta disclaims any intent or obligation to update any forward-looking statements as a result of developments occurring after the period covered by this press release or otherwise.*

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

SYNGENTA AG

Date: December 22, 2017 By: /s/ Tobias Meili  
Name: Dr. Tobias Meili  
Title: Head Corporate Legal Affairs

By: /s/ Markus Widmer  
Name: Markus Widmer  
Title: Legal Counsel