

New Editor to Preserve Russian Esquire's 'Basic Principles'

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Deputy editor-in-chief Dmitry Golubovsky has been named editor-in-chief of Russian Esquire, while television journalist Andrei Loshak will take over as editorial director, the magazine said in an e-mail to staff Monday.

The e-mail, signed by two members of the board of Sanoma Independent Media, which owns Russian Esquire and The Moscow Times, said the move was a "well-deserved promotion" for Golubovsky, who has been with the magazine for more than six years, most recently serving as deputy to outgoing editor-in-chief Filipp Bakhtin.

Golubovsky said he did not expect the magazine's independence and sometimes oppositional tone, which has made it a must-read for the intelligentsia, to change. "We're interested in doing more investigative pieces," he said.

The appointment of Loshak, a well-known, opposition-minded journalist, suggests that the magazine will maintain its willingness to butt heads with the authorities, as it did in a recent article about state-condoned kidnappings in Chechnya.

Filipp Bakhtin left the magazine last month to start a children's summer camp.

Launched in 2005, Russian Esquire has a circulation of 135,000.

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