



GKD Group announces extended Management Board

Moving into the future with a new organization

With effect from April 1, 2021, the GKD Group (GKD) has appointed two additional members to its Management Board. Lara Kufferath (Digitalization & Transformation) and Markus Kosel (Finance & Controlling) join the two current members of the family business now in its third and fourth generation. Dr. Stephan Kufferath, Commercial Director, and his brother Ingo Kufferath, Technical Director, have been managing the technical weavers of longstanding tradition since 1984. The recent extension and reorganization of the Management Board will cater to the strong growth and internationalization of the Group. At the same time, this also represents another step toward the long-term generation change. Indeed, the brothers are set to make the switch from active management of the business to the Supervisory Board in June 2025 on the 100th anniversary of GKD's foundation.

With six production facilities, as well as worldwide branches and agencies, the company that was founded in the Rhenish town of Düren in 1925 is today the global market leader in technical weave for industry and architecture. To maintain this edge in the face of international competition, the Management Board at GKD now has the following four executive mandates with Group-wide responsibility: Sales & Marketing, Technology & Production, Finance & Controlling, as well as Digitalization & Transformation. For the first time in the company's history, a manager from outside of the founding family has been awarded a position on the Management Board during the course of this adjustment to altered circumstances.



Markus Kosel has been working for the company in positions of responsibility for around two decades. In fact, the business management graduate has been entrusted with the finances of the entire GKD Group for many years. Prior to this, he had gained experience of working in international structures, having spent more than ten years at a pharmaceutical group. Lara Kufferath joined the GKD Group at the start of 2019 as Head of Corporate Development. In this role, her focus was on Group-wide digitalization of business processes, as well as organizational and process optimization. Before this, she spent several years working both in the manufacturing sector and at a well-known corporate consultancy firm. She was able to gain a wide range of experience during this time. With the executive mandate of Digitalization & Transformation, she is now responsible for IT and Digitalization, Personnel Development, PQS (Processes, Quality, & Sustainability), as well as Corporate Development. In this role, she will primarily drive forward the transformation process of the GKD Group over the course of the next few years.

"With the reorganization of the Management Board, we are combining the experience that the company has accumulated over decades with the new ways of thinking and creative powers of the next generation," comments Stephan Kufferath, explaining the approach adopted. "By taking this step, we have also ushered in the long-term generational change that will guarantee the necessary continuity." His brother Ingo Kufferath adds: "Anyone looking to overcome the challenges of tomorrow must develop convincing answers today. By extending our Management Board team to include such qualified managers, we are therefore actively shaping the future of GKD – in the interests of customers and employees."

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