

PRESS RELEASE

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KRONEN extends its Management Board

The year of 2018 is an anniversary year for KRONEN, the company in Kehl at the Rhine celebrates its 40th company anniversary, but it is also a year of changes in the Management Board: Rudolf Hans Zillgith, Senior Manager of the family company, announced the realignment at the Anniversary Gala on 27 September. In addition to Rudolf Hans Zillgith and Stephan Zillgith, Eric Lefebvre and Johannes Guenther, both having been executives at KRONEN for many years, will become new members of the Management Board as well as company Associates.

"If you want to grow further, you will also need to share" this is how Rudolf Hans Zillgith expressed it when announcing the extension of the KRONEN's Management Board at the 40th anniversary celebration last Thursday evening. "In 1998 I have taken over KRONEN and in 1999 my son Stephan Zillgith has joined the company. Since 2003 he has been Associate and Managing Director. Now, we have decided to incorporate younger executives in the Management Board of KRONEN" he explains further.

"As a family business it is self-evident for us, that these are about long-term KRONEN employees, who have made a name for themselves in the sector. Thus, I am very glad to introduce Eric Lefebvre and Johannes Günther to be the new Associates and co-owners of KRONEN".

Graduate industrial engineer Stephan Zillgith will be the spokesman of the Board of Management and remains responsible for the company's commercial general management. Besides, he focuses on the marketing as well as on the care and development of global contacts, which is a crucial issue for the export-oriented KRONEN company.

As before, Robert Lankhart completes the Management in his function as authorized officer. As controller and Head of HR he is taking care of the essential company analysis.

With the new Managing Directors the company's board is not only rejuvenated. Especially, it is a goal of the company to optimally position KRONEN for the future and all the diverse subjects by concentrating the competence and experience of the four leading heads. The KRONEN Management Board consists of four persons from now on, while each one of the four Managing Directors is responsible for a specific realm in the company.

Stephan Zillgith summarizes the focus of KRONEN as follows: "Based on our tailor-made and innovative products and solutions as well as on our high consulting competence, we want to increase our market share significantly, extend our market position globally, and offer future-proof jobs. We want to continue being a reliable partner for our customers and suppliers and supporting the production of healthy, fresh food. For all of this, KRONEN is well prepared and expanding the Management Board additionally contributes to our targets".

Person Details:

Johannes Günther started his career with KRONEN in 2009. After his graduation as an engineer in food technology at University of Hohenheim, he

worked with renowned companies from the food sector. Since 2008 he has been the Head of Sales department and since 2010 also authorized officer of KRONEN. Over the years he has become a demanded expert in the food industry in Germany and worldwide. In his function as a Managing Director he keeps responsibility for the national and international sales of KRONEN.

„I appreciate this special acknowledgment and the opportunity of being involved in KRONEN company, and I am looking forward to advancing further the positive development of KRONEN together with a great team.”

Eric Lefebvre has been working with KRONEN since 2009. After graduating as an industrial engineer at University ESCOM in Paris, he worked with PSA, the largest French automotive manufacturer, in the area of development and industrialization. At KRONEN he has been the Technical Director and since 2010 also authorized officer. He has been responsible for product development, for improving working processes and for safety and hygiene. He is perfectly connected within the international sector and especially with institutions for research and development. As a Managing Director he will keep his previous area of responsibility.

„I am glad about having the chance to contribute to the development of the company as a Managing Director and Associate. We have the right people here at KRONEN to successfully grow in the market. And I also enjoy working in our specific sector. We are dealing with healthy food: fruit and vegetable – and thus, we serve a food trend and a future market.”

About KRONEN GmbH

KRONEN develops and manufactures stand alone and special machines as well as complete processing lines according to the customers' requirements – high-duty machinery for washing, cutting, dividing, peeling, de-watering, drying, and packaging food.

Today, KRONEN has 100 employees and is a globally operating supplier of machines and systems for the Fresh-cut, convenience, catering, specialty food and food industry with representations in over 80 countries and is selling its solutions in over 100 countries worldwide.

Due to the close co-operation with our customers and international partners, we consider it our commitment to keep traditional values such as quality awareness but also to react creatively and actively to the challenges of the global market. Wherever crisp salads, fine vegetables and appetizing fresh fruit are beautifully prepared in quantity – KRONEN machinery is there, around the world.

In 2018 the company celebrates a 'double' anniversary: 40 years of KRONEN and 20 years of Zillgith/KRONEN. In 1978 KRONEN GmbH was founded and in 1998 KRONEN was taken over by Rudolf Hans Zillgith as the Managing Director.

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The new Management Board at KRONEN (left to right): Robert Lankhart, Stephan Zillgith, Rudolf Hans Zillgith, Johannes Günther, Eric Lefebvre



280 guests celebrated the 40th company anniversary of KRONEN at the Anniversary Gala in Reithalle Offenburg, in the Black Forest region of Germany on the eve of the Customer Day. Here, the extension of the Management Board was announced on 27 September.

Photo gallery of the event:

www.kronen.eu/photo-gallery-2018