

Press Release

After more than 20 years: Change of management at Thermoplan Deutschland GmbH

Hockenheim, May 30, 2022. Wolfgang Peterka, Managing Director of Thermoplan Deutschland GmbH in Hockenheim, will take over the management of Thermoplan Austria effective October 1. As of July 1, he will be succeeded in Hockenheim by Melanie Nolte, who has been appointed as an external consultant for a strategic realignment since mid-2020. She will continue to focus on the company's long-term goals, above all the expansion of the sales network and the strengthening of cooperation with Thermoplan partners.

After 23 years as the first and only managing director of Thermoplan Germany, Wolfgang Peterka will take over management of the group's Austrian subsidiary in October. Both branches are affiliated companies of the Swiss Thermoplan AG based in Weggis in the canton of Lucerne. Melanie Nolte will succeed him on July 1 and, along with the team in Hockenheim, will focus on the further development of the German market. «We are very proud to welcome Melanie as managing director of our German subsidiary. With her, we are not only gaining decade-long experience in the field of coffee, coffee machines and the out-of-home market. As an external consultant, she has demonstrated over the past two years that she has an in-depth knowledge of our customers' and partners' needs, as well as the strategies on the path to the best coffee for customers and consumers», says Adrian Steiner, CEO of Thermoplan AG.

Wolfgang Peterka will devote himself to the expansion of the Austrian market starting in fall, after having successfully built up the German market for Thermoplan for more than two decades. «We are excited that Wolfgang is not heading straight into a more than well-deserved retirement but will remain with the Thermoplan family. With his decades of experience, in-depth knowledge of our machine portfolio, and a strong network, he will also establish our fully automatic coffee machines more firmly on the market in Austria for Thermoplan, above all the Black&White4 range», Adrian Steiner comments on Peterka's transition to Austria.

Wolfgang Peterka will hand over the business to Melanie Nolte during a three-month transition phase, so that from now on Thermoplan's sales network will be strengthened and expanded in both markets.

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About Thermoplan

Thermoplan develops and produces fully automatic coffee machines of highest Swiss quality for professional use in the gastronomy and commercial sectors. Thermoplan Deutschland GmbH, based in Hockenheim, is a subsidiary organization of the Swiss family-owned company with production site in Weggis in the canton of Lucerne. Thermoplan has a global presence, supplying customers in over 80 countries through a worldwide network of sales and service partners. In more than 40 years, the company has developed to become the market leader in the field of fully automatic coffee machines thanks to its innovative spirit and entrepreneurship. Around 420 employees work at the headquarters in Weggis. In addition to a global distributor network and the Hockenheim branch, Thermoplan also has a subsidiary in the USA.