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### **Franke Group: CEO Patrik Wohlhauser takes over the leadership of Franke Water Systems**

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**Roger Basler, Head of the Franke Water Systems division, is leaving the company at his own request at the end of July to take on new challenges. Patrik Wohlhauser, CEO of the Franke Group, will take over the leadership of the division.**

Roger Basler, Head of the Franke Water Systems division and member of the Franke Group Management Board, has decided to leave the company at his own request on July 31 after seven years. Patrik Wohlhauser will assume responsibility for the division in addition to his role as CEO of the Franke Group. In order to ensure a smooth transition, the change in leadership will take place as early as July 1.

"We regret Roger Basler's choice, but we respect his decision and thank him for his valuable contribution to the successful development of our division for washroom and sanitary solutions in public and private applications. He has had a strong impact on Franke Water Systems," says Patrik Wohlhauser. "Thanks to his commitment and professional expertise, under his leadership the profitability of the division was improved, and the innovation process was driven forward with a strong product pipeline."

**Franke** belongs to Artemis Group and is a leading global provider of solutions and equipment for domestic kitchens, private bathrooms, semi-/public washrooms, the professional foodservice sector, and coffee preparation. Franke Group operates worldwide and employs around 9,000 people in 40 countries, generating sales of over CHF 2.4 billion. Learn more at [www.franke-group.com](http://www.franke-group.com)

**Franke Water Systems** is a division of the Franke Group and is one of the leading suppliers of intelligent washroom and sanitation solutions for the public and semi-public sector. The company is committed to

developing complete sanitary systems that are outstanding in terms of quality, functionality, design and durability. The product range includes equipment elements such as washbasins, taps, flushing systems, WCs, urinals, etc., which are available in stainless steel and mineral granite, individually or in combination. Find out more at [www.franke.com](http://www.franke.com)

**KWC** represents 140 years of expertise in water management. KWC taps are a byword for first-class intelligence in the bathroom and kitchen. With sustainable technologies, exquisite quality and innovative design the leading Swiss faucet manufacturer has made a name for itself across the globe. KWC has belonged to the Franke Group since 2013 and is a brand of Franke Water Systems AG in Aarburg. Its head office and the production site are domiciled in Unterkulm, Switzerland. From here, KWC exports its quality taps to over 50 countries across five continents. Learn more at [www.kwc.com](http://www.kwc.com)

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**Patrik Wohlhauser**

In addition to his role as CEO of the Franke Group, Patrik Wohlhauser will assume responsibility for Franke Water Systems from July 1.



**Roger Basler**

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