

FRANKE KAFFEEMASCHINEN AG PRESS RELEASE**Change of Leadership at Franke Coffee Systems**

Aarburg, 16 December 2009 – After 16 years at the helm of Franke Coffee Systems Marga Gyger is to leave the company at the end of 2009. Her successor as of 1 January 2010 is Marc Aeschlimann.

Marga Gyger, 64, joined Franke in 1994 as head of what was then Franke Verpflegungstechnik Apparate (Food Service Equipment). That same year Franke's first fully automatic coffee machine, the Swiss Mambo, was launched onto the market. Marga Gyger had thus set the company's first milestone in professional coffeemaking. Marga has been at the head of Franke's Coffee Systems Business Unit since 1997. Under her leadership the company has enjoyed many major successes. They include the world's first ever fully automatic coffee machine capable of preparing Cappuccinos at the touch of a button; automatic coffee machines that set the market standard in terms of quality, compact size and design; and of course the latest innovations, the Franke Flavour Station and the Franke Foam Master. Marga Gyger is to leave Franke Coffee Systems at the end of 2009 to concentrate on her new duties within the Franke Artemis Group.

Marc Aeschlimann, 41, is to take over the management at Franke Coffee Systems on 1 January 2010. Marc joined the Franke Group back in 2002, initially as head of the Logistics Unit at Franke Foodservice Systems Europe in Bad Säckingen, Germany. A year later he took over as head of Franke

Foodservice Systems Asia based in China and successfully ran the Business Unit right through to 2009.

Marc Aeschlimann is a graduate of the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Zurich and has a degree in electrical engineering; he also holds an MBA from the University of Southern California. He is married and has two children.

Following the re-organisation of the Franke Group Marc Aeschlimann has been appointed CEO of Franke Coffee Systems and a member of the Group Management of the Franke Commercial Systems Group.

Franke's success as a global company in the coffee business is founded on a number of mainstays: constant innovations, the ability to identify and embrace new trends early on, and the continual expansion of an efficient, area-wide sales and customer service network, with all the attendant services. These factors of success proved crucial for Marga Gyger, and they are certain to play a key role in the company's future under Marc Aeschlimann, too.

About Franke Coffee Systems

Franke Coffee Systems is one of the world's leading suppliers of fully automatic coffee machines and is part of the Franke Group, which operates globally. The company comprises subsidiaries in Switzerland (company headquarters in Aarburg), Germany, the US, the Netherlands, UK and Japan which, together, employ more than 500 employees.

Selected sales partners represent Franke Coffee Systems around the world. This global network makes the company the ideal partner for international customers and large-scale projects, enabling it to tailor its offer to the local requirements of its customers all over the world.

There are virtually no limits to the practical applications for which the products and systems of Franke Coffee Systems can be



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used. They operate just as successfully in trendy cafés as in the modern, systems-based catering industry.

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