

PRESS RELEASE**Franke takes over Coffeetech AG**

Aarburg, Switzerland, 17 January 2006. At the end of 2005, Franke completed its takeover of the Swiss service retailer, Coffeetech AG located in Berikon/Zurich. Coffeetech had already been a service retailer of Franke Kaffeemaschinen AG since 1990. Coffeetech is particularly active in the greater Zurich area – the region with the biggest potential for growth in the sale of Franke coffee machines in Switzerland.

With the acquisition of this service organisation, Franke is continuing to pursue its aim of achieving world-wide representation in key markets with its own sales and service organisation. For Franke this take-over is a further step towards the goal of being able to offer optimal service in Switzerland. Coffeetech employs 9 workers and in 2004 achieved a turnover of 2.4 million Swiss francs.

*The **Franke** Group is a global provider of products, services and custom solutions for a wide range of applications in the household food preparation and catering sectors. Franke, whose holding company is domiciled in Aarburg, Switzerland, has some 8,000 employees around the world, and is firmly established with 84 subsidiaries in 41 countries. The two divisions **Franke Kitchen Systems** (sinks, taps, cooking hobs, ovens, hoods and washroom and sanitary systems) and **Franke Foodservice Systems** (products and services for quick service restaurants) are the global market leaders in their business sectors, exporting to over 100 countries. The activities of Franke also include **Franke Coffee Systems** with a broad product programme of fully-automatic, professional and semi-professional coffee machines as well as the technology field and beverage*



containers. In the financial year 2004, Franke generated consolidated sales of CHF 1,628.0 million.

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