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Franke Group appoints two new members to its Group Management Board

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The Board of Directors of the Franke Group has appointed Barbara Borra as the new Head of the Franke Kitchen Systems division and Christian Mathesius as the new Head of the Franke Foodservice Systems division. They will both join the Franke Group Management Board at the same time.

Barbara Borra will take over as Head of the Franke Kitchen Systems division starting January 7, 2019. She succeeds Group CEO Patrik Wohlhauser, who has been acting as the interim Head of the division in a dual role up to now. Before joining Franke, Borra was CEO EMEA of the Fontana Group. Prior to that she spent ten years working for Whirlpool in roles including Vice President of the Global Food Preparation Category and as the General Manager of the Chinese branches. She also held various management positions working for Rhodia and General Electric. Borra is an Italian citizen who graduated from the Polytechnic University of Turin in Italy with a degree in Chemical Engineering. She also holds an MBA from INSEAD in Fontainebleu, France.

Christian Mathesius will take over as Head of the Franke Foodservice Systems division starting January 1, 2019, succeeding Thomas Campion, who is stepping down from his position as Head of the division after five years. Campion performed successfully various management roles at Franke Foodservice Systems for a total of 32 years, and will continue to assist in its strategic planning and further development as the Executive Chairman of the division. As President of Franke Foodservice Systems, Mathesius had been responsible for the EMEA area since 2012. Before that he had worked for Hilti for eight years as Head of the Direct Fastening product segment. Prior to that, he performed various management roles at Boston Consulting Group and Siemens. Mathesius holds a degree in mechanical engineering from RWTH Aachen University in Aachen, Germany, and an MBA from INSEAD.

The new Division Heads will also be appointed to the Group Management Board of the Franke Group and will report directly to Patrik Wohlhauser.

"I thank Thomas Champion for his loyalty and many years of great commitment. With his comprehensive industry knowledge, he has contributed significantly to the worldwide business success of Franke Foodservice Systems for more than three decades – the last five years of which as CEO of the division. I am all the more pleased that he will remain with us as a consultant and we will not have to do without his valuable experience entirely. It speaks to our strength that we were able to fill this key position in top management from within our own ranks. We have found the ideal successor with Christian Mathesius. With his industry experience and management skills, he will continue to ensure the continuous growth of our professional foodservice business – an important pillar for the success of Franke as a whole," says Wohlhauser.

"I am also pleased that, with Barbara Borra, we were able to recruit a manager with so much international experience to head Franke Kitchen Systems. She not only has a broad range of experience in marketing and sales, but is also a proven turnaround manager and will provide important new momentum at Franke Kitchen Systems with these skills."

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