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Christian Berner leads the Berner Group as sole owner

Christian Berner will manage the Berner Group as CEO and sole owner in the future. He has thus successfully completed the arrangement of the succession of the family business founded by his father, Albert Berner.

Christian Berner had taken over the leadership of the Berner Group as CEO in 2012 at the age of only 28. Under his leadership, the group of companies, which is active throughout Europe, was digitized at an early stage compared to many other companies and successfully led through the transformation and through the pandemic. With a stable turnover of around 1.1 billion euros and approximately 8,200 employees, the Berner Group is one of the largest companies in its sector in Europe.

Christian Berner: "I have always said that, in view of my responsibility, I plan with a time horizon of at least 30 years to make the BERNER Group even more successful. Clear ownership gives employees, customers and partners security and helps us make good decisions quickly."

Christian Berner, who now holds 100% of the shares, has successfully completed the succession planning for the Berner Group. He has thus set the course for a secure future as the family-run company founded by his father Albert Berner in 1957.

The Berner Group

The Berner Group is a family-run European commercial enterprise. Our vision is: "We keep the world together and moving." This means we are the central B2B trading partner for all materials in the maintenance, repair, and production segments for our customers in the building, mobility, and industry sectors. With more than four channels we create an integrated omni-channel purchasing experience for our customers. In the steel and C materials as well as chemicals segments we are also an innovative manufacturer. We are represented in over 23 countries for our customers with more than 200,000 items and 8,200 employees.