Press release

Personal details in brief

Honorary Professor Honorary Senator mult. Dipl.-Ing. (FH) Klaus Fischer

Owner, CEO of the Holding and Chairman of the Advisory Board of the fischer Group of Companies

fischerwerke GmbH & Co. KG
Corporate Communications

Klaus-Fischer-Straße 1
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Born 17 August 1950 in Freudenstadt,
married, two children

- Studied at Konstanz University of Technology, graduated Dipl.-Ing. FH (1971-1975)
- Joined fischerwerke (1975)
- Appointed Technical Director (1976)
- Appointed General Director (1980)
- Business Medal of the state of Baden-Württemberg (1996)
- Honorary senator of the University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Vienna (1997)
- Honorary senator of the University of Stuttgart (1999)
- Cross of Merit on Ribbon of the Order of Merit of the Federal Republic of Germany (2001)
- Medal of Honour of the Altheim community (2006)
- Citizen's medal of the Waldachtal municipality (2006)
- Honorary professor of Tongji University, Shanghai (2007)

- Federal Cross of 1st Class (2007)
- Grand seal of the City of Padua, the university city's most prestigious award (2009)
- "Award of Excellence" of CLUB 55 – European community of experts in marketing and sales (2009)
- Baden-Württemberg Award for Competence (2010)
- Honorary citizen of the Waldachtal municipality (2010)
- Acceptance into "Hall of Fame" of family businesses (2012)
- DIY-Lifetime-Award (2012)
- Awarded VDI's Grashof commemorative medal (2013)
- Global DIY-Lifetime Award (2016)
- Lifetime Award CLUB 55, "European Community of Experts in Marketing and Sales"
- Klaus Fischer hands operational management of the fischer Group of Companies to Marc-Sven Mengis, who becomes CEO of fischerwerke GmbH & Co. KG. Klaus Fischer remains CEO of the Holding and Chairman of the Advisory Board as owner of the Group of Companies (2018).
- Klaus Fischer awarded the Order of Merit of the state of Baden-Württemberg (2018)
- Klaus Fischer declared "Host of the Year" by Food & Health (2020). The food initiative also presented the staff restaurant at the headquarters with the award for "Germany's Best Canteen" for the second time running (2019, 2020)
- Award of the "Honorary Doctorate in Engineering for Safety in Construction and Industry" of the University of Padua (2021)
- Appointment as honorary citizen of the city of Jagodina in Serbia (2021)

Milestones since taking over the overall management in 1980:

- Expansion into the fischer Group of Companies and the leading fixings specialist with the acquisition of Upat, Emmendingen, in 1993, and ROCCA Bauchemie, Denzlingen, in 1997
- 1982: the fischer CBOX (storage system for music cassettes) marks the launch into the automotive business;
  today, fischer automotive produces high-quality interior components for the automotive industry
- Internationalisation of the company: 50 subsidiaries in 38 countries
- Launch of the fischer ProcessSystem (fPS) for implementing lean, customer-driven processes in all corporate divisions
- Launch of a corporate philosophy with key concepts:
  - Innovation
  - Accountability
  - Reliability
- Above-average training rate of 9 per cent and above-average range of training offers: Language and arts courses, social teaching seminars, business management games, work experience abroad
- Quality management system (certified according to DIN ISO 9001)
- Active sustainability management (German Sustainability Award 2020, winner of the large businesses category)
- Initiated the “Zukunft Schule Digitalpreis” with 20,000 euro in funding

The fischer Group of Companies

The fischer Group of Companies, headquartered in Waldachtal in Germany’s northern Black Forest, generated sales of 872 million euro in 2020 with a worldwide staff of 5,200 employees. The family-owned company operates 50 subsidiaries in 38 countries and exports to more than 120 countries. It includes the five divisions: fischer fixings systems, fischer Automotive, fischertechnik, fischer Consulting and LNT Automation.

fischer fixings systems is the technological market leader in key areas of fixings technology. fischer offers products that deliver technical perfection to a wide range of customers, from do-it-yourselfers to tradespeople to key account partners.

fischer automotive manufactures high-quality parts for vehicle interiors. The company is highly competent in the plastics processing segment and is an important partner for the automotive industry. Its range of products includes air vents, cup holders, trays and multi-functional components.

With its construction kits, fischertechnik is active in both the toymaking and the educational sector. fischertechnik is one of the last remaining toy makers to exclusively develop and produce in Germany.

fischer Consulting evolved from the competence developed in the company itself, which includes the fischer ProcessSystem with its central aim of permanent improvement for the ultimate benefit of the customer. fischer Consulting advises small and medium-sized businesses, government agencies and major companies on their path towards lean and efficient processes.

LNT Automation develops and manufactures custom electronic solutions. The company also develops, produces and distributes custom and capacitive touch systems such as multi-touch solutions made of glass and the corresponding controller units. All electronics are manufactured in-house.

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