

Press release

WEPA Group

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Change in the Supervisory Board of the WEPA Group

Friedrich Merz retires as Chairman of the Supervisory Board of the WEPA Group

After 13 years as Chairman of the Supervisory Board of the WEPA Group, Friedrich Merz will leave the Board of the hygiene paper manufacturer on 31 December 2021, at his own request. His succession will be determined at the beginning of the new year.

“Over the course of the past 13 years, Friedrich Merz has overseen and accompanied many significant developments of our family business as Chairman of the Supervisory Board. On behalf of the Management Board, the entrepreneurial family and the other members of the Supervisory Board, I would like to thank him for his many years of commitment and the always very good cooperation and wish him every success for the tasks and projects that lie ahead,” said Martin Kregel, Chairman of the Management Board of the WEPA Group.

“I very much enjoyed accompanying the WEPA Group as Chairman of the Supervisory Board. With my election to the Bundestag as a Member of Parliament, I am now resigning my seat – as announced – and wish the family business from my hometown continued successful development,” said Friedrich Merz.

Friedrich Merz had joined the Supervisory Board of the WEPA Group at the end of 2008 and has led the Supervisory Board as its Chairman since then.

Photo Gallery



Friedrich Merz is retiring from the Supervisory Board of the WEPA Group after 13 years as Chairman.

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The WEPA Group is a future-oriented European family business specialising in the production and distribution of sustainable hygiene paper. WEPA offers sustainable and innovative hygiene solutions that provide a safe feeling of hygiene and contribute daily to the well-being of millions of people. With 4,000 employees, the WEPA Group manufactures hygiene products such as toilet paper, paper towels, tissues and napkins at 13 European sites. WEPA is among the three largest European manufacturers and leading the market in the production of hygiene paper from recycled fibre. Its annual turnover is roughly 1.3 billion euros. In the Consumer business area, WEPA is a private-label specialist for European retailers. The Professional business unit with the brands BlackSatino and Satino by WEPA stands for sustainable and professional hygiene solutions which are used, for instance, in public washrooms, the industry, offices or health care facilities. The WEPA Group has its registered office in Arnsberg, North-Rhine Westphalia, Germany.