

PRESS RELEASE

Partners since 25 years: hilzinger & profine

The companies hilzinger Fenster + Türen GmbH and profine Group with its brand KBE can celebrate the 25th anniversary of their business partnership. Since 1985, that was in the very early years of the KBE production activity, hilzinger has produced high quality windows with the profile systems made in Berlin.

Founded in 1946 as a small glazier's workshop by the father of present-day's owner Helmut Hilzinger, the company today is one of the leading windows manufacturers in Europe.

With its broad range of windows, residential doors, roller shutters and interior door products, hilzinger supplies the specialized trade and building elements trade, artisanry, buildings and housing industries, property management companies and in some regions also private house builders or owners who wish to renovate their home. Besides standard windows and doors, hilzinger offers a large number of specialized solutions with unique selling points, such as the KBE ventilation window Solar-ClimaTec, which has become the most installed hilzinger window system in renovation.

14 German and 27 European sites, 700 employees and a manufacturing capacity of 2,000 window units per day are only a few key figures which outline the importance of this family business in the industry.

„The business relationship started with the „KBE System 85“ which, already by that time, excelled by characteristics still essential for KBE, i.e. innovation in line with the market and efficiency in processing” recalled the Managing Partner, Helmut Hilzinger, during a ceremony held at the company headquarters in Willstätt on 20 January 2010 to prize the long-term partnership.

hilzinger's focus always has been premium quality and manufacture offering, at the same time, attractive prices which can only be maintained with a strong partnership and permanent development and optimizing. In this regard, KBE and hilzinger have developed and complemented each other perfectly. Customers appreciate this strategy as well as the reliable delivery terms. All this is reflected in the constant increases in turnover which hilzinger has achieved during the last years.

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The profine representatives thank hilzinger Fenster + Türen GmbH for 25 years of partnership during a ceremony held on 20 January 2010:
 From left to right: Achim Judt, COO profine; Albrecht P. Lange, CSO profine; Helmut Hilzinger, Managing Partner hilzinger GmbH; Christian Bandle, Member of the Management Board hilzinger GmbH; Egon Carstens, Key Account Manager profine; Jan-Gerd Vos, Head of Sales Area 1, profine Group.

About profine:

profine GmbH - International Profile Group - is the world-wide leading manufacturer of plastic profiles for windows and doors as well as a notable supplier of shutter solutions and PVC sheets. The company was established in 2003, when HT TROPLAST consolidated its profile business activities (KBE, KÖMMERLING, TROCAL) under one roof.

profine has a total of 3,700 employees at 28 locations in 21 countries. Around 2,200 of these employees work in Germany. Sales amounted to 863 million Euros in the year 2007(consolidated), with a current production capacity of more than 450,000 tons.

The production sites are located in Germany (3), France, Italy, Spain, Russia (2), Ukraine, the United States and China. The company headquarters is in Troisdorf (North Rhine-Westphalia, Germany).

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