

**Margot Schumacher becomes new member of the supervisory board of Eckes AG****The industry expert and adjunct professor for leadership succeeds Willi Schwerdtle, who is leaving the board after 12 years**

**Nieder-Olm, 3 July 2023.** Margot Schumacher (50) assumed her position as the newest member of the Supervisory Board of Eckes AG, parent company of the Eckes-Granini Group, on July 1, 2023. The industry expert succeeds Willi Schwerdtle (70), who is stepping down after 12 years, having reached the statutory age limit. With Reiner Strecker (Chairman), Dr. Heiner Olbrich (Deputy Chairman), Christina Oelbermann, Kim Tabet and Rob Versloot the Supervisory Board remains otherwise unchanged.

Margot Schumacher, originally from the Netherlands, has extensive experience in the consumer goods industry and has held various international management positions within companies that include Unilever and Heinz. In 2015, she was appointed as adjunct professor for leadership at the TIAS Business School in Tilburg (Netherlands) and is also currently working as an executive coach for multinational companies. In addition, she serves as a member of the Supervisory Board of the Thales Group in the Netherlands since 2021.

"I am very much looking forward to my new duties as a member of the Supervisory Board of Eckes AG and to closely work with the internationally successful brands of the Eckes-Granini Group in the years to come," says Margot Schumacher.

"With Margot Schumacher, we are gaining an experienced Supervisory Board member with proven expertise in the consumer goods industry. I am convinced that her extensive international experience will provide important impulses for the future development of the Eckes-Granini Group and its brands and I look forward to working with her," says Reiner Strecker, Chairman of the Supervisory Board of



Eckes AG. "At the same time, I would like to thank Willi Schwerdtle for his successful and long-standing service, marked always by a great degree of trust. We are very grateful for his dedication and commitment over the past 12 years and wish him only the very best for his personal future."

Willi Schwerdtle had been a member of the Supervisory Board of Eckes AG since December 2011 and, following his many years as Managing Director at Procter & Gamble, most recently worked as a self-employed management consultant.

You can find further information at: <https://www.eckes-granini.com/>

**About Eckes AG:**

The Eckes Aktiengesellschaft operates as the financial holding company of the Eckes-Granini Group GmbH, which holds the leading position in the European fruit beverage market with the international premium brands granini and Pago as well as a number of strong regional brands, including Brämhults, Elmenhorster, hohes C, Joker, Marli, Rynkeby, God Morgon, SIÓ and YO.

**About the Eckes-Granini Group:**

Eckes-Granini is the leading supplier of fruit juices and fruit beverages in Europe. For the independent family-owned company headquartered in Nieder-Olm, Germany (Rhineland-Palatinate), the focus is on committed and competent employees, strong brands in the areas of juices, fruit beverages and smoothies, and a long-term strategic orientation with sustainable value creation. Today, Eckes-Granini operates mainly in Europe with its own national companies and strategic partners and generates annual sales of 917 million euros with a total of 1703 employees. The company's foundation is formed by the internationally renowned premium brands *granini* and *Pago* together with strong national and regional brands for juices such as *hohes C*, *Joker* and *God Morgon*. Consumers in 80 countries worldwide and especially in Europe know and appreciate our fruit juices and the variety of fruit drinks.

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