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GKD – Gebr. Kufferath AG

Responding to global needs through creative leadership in technology

With its commitment to devising exceptional solutions for industry and architecture, GKD – Gebr. Kufferath AG (GKD) has been developing wire mesh structures that contribute to a more healthy, cleaner and safer world for more than 90 years. Whether filtration and separation processes in mechanical process engineering, key process belt functions in a multitude of industrial applications or tasks in and around building optimization: the technical weaver's uniquely broad spectrum of expertise has helped it secure a world-leading position as a high-tech service provider for demanding niche markets. Thanks to its global presence, innovative technologies and future-driven business models, GKD consistently translates market requirements into sustainable success for its customers. As such, the company, which is now in its third and fourth generation of ownership by the Kufferath family, is regularly setting new standards worldwide with its leading competence and a passion for design. A long-term mentality and a responsible corporate culture make the independent medium-sized weaver a reliable partner even in times of dynamic change.

The traditional drivers of GKD's success are the development and manufacturing of high-performance, application-specific mesh structures coupled with proximity to the market and customer focus. Agility, curiosity and the ability to recognize changed market needs at an early stage made the family company the global market leader in numerous niche markets.



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Since its foundation in 1925 – long before the term "megatrend" was coined – the technical weaving company has focused on growing fields that influence all areas of society and the economy. Today, GKD is working more than ever before on responding to global needs – water, nourishment, protection of the environment and resources, mobility and health – with a range of products and applications. The company fills this mission with life by combining pioneering manufacturing technologies with decades of evolved, cross-sector problem-solving expertise and global production capacities.

Customer perspective as a driver of growth

The basis for this is the culture of the family company: a wealth of experience gathered over three generations, a great capacity for innovation applied on a consistent basis and a focus on the sustainability of the solutions, relationships and processes. Crucial strategic moves made by GKD at regular intervals have turned the traditional art of weaving into a key technology for numerous industries. Special weaving machines developed in-house, cleanroom production, a broad spectrum of tools, automation, simulation and camera inspection as well as close cooperation with renowned research institutions have given the technical weaver a leading role as a solutions provider. Constant large-scale investments in new technologies continue to secure this strong market position. At the same time, the sophisticated multi-platform strategy with identical, certified quality standards applied throughout the Group enables the development of complex delivery chains that are specifically tailored to customer needs. GKD resolutely drives forward the digitalization of business processes in order to further enhance the advantage the company enjoys through innovative, perfect-fit product service systems and globally networked knowledge management. Through this continuous focus of all processes on



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customer value, the medium-sized company underlines its declared goal of achieving long-term and sustained success for our customers through innovation.

Key technology for central challenges

Leading companies worldwide from the automotive, electronics, life sciences, aviation, paper, textile, food and beverage industries, from the fields of wood processing, raw material extraction and environmental technology as well as building owners place their trust in this expertise. The wide range of water treatment technologies is just one example of the decades of expertise that today make the technical weaver an internationally sought-after solutions partner for global requirements. Process belts from GKD have been an established standard in belt presses for sewage sludge disposal since 1967. Today, the high-tech meshes also regularly set new standards in drinking water, waste water and ballast water treatment as well as in sewage sludge drying. In the food and beverage industry, woven solutions from GKD take on key functions in cooking oil filtration, food production and fruit juice production. Moreover, the products of the medium-sized company are used extensively in energy and raw materials production, oil and gas extraction as well as in key components of electromobility. Metal mesh contributes to health, safety and well-being by optimizing the energy balance or acoustics of buildings, by functioning as fall guard protection or providing protection from lightning, explosions or noise and in a variety of applications relating to the production of hygiene articles. In the MEDIAMESH® transparent media façade system, GKD combines visually aesthetic, functional and ecological product properties with the possibilities offered by state-of-the-art digital media.



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Sustainability as an overall strategy

However, GKD not only lives its promise of sustainability through long-term customer relationships and the consistent orientation of its product portfolio toward a healthy, clean and safe world. Environmentally friendly production processes, careful management of raw materials, the use of virtually fully recyclable stainless steel, responsible and honest dealings with customers and employees and strict compliance with regulations are also traditionally anchored in the company strategy and company-wide standards. With six plants – in the USA, South Africa, China, India and Chile alongside the main headquarters in Germany – and subsidiaries in France and Spain as well as representative offices across the globe, GKD is close to markets anywhere in the world. After all, local presence is a prerequisite for further growth through tapping new markets.

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Picture 1: The CEOs of GKD: Ingo and Dr. Stephan Kufferath.



Picture 2-3: The company, which is now in its third generation of ownership by Ingo and Dr. Stephan Kufferath is regularly setting new standards worldwide with its leading competence and a passion for design.



Picture 4: Leading companies worldwide from the automotive industry trust on the decades of problem-solving expertise of GKD.



Picture 5: Process belts from GKD are established standard in belt presses for sewage sludge disposal.

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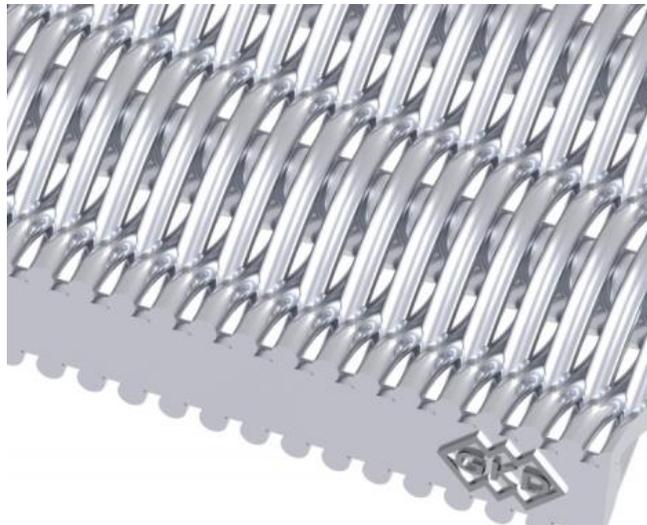
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Picture 6: In various applications of the production of hygiene products, process belts from GKD are used.



Picture 7: The optimised dutch weaves from GKD, used for water treatment, show long-term reliability of filtration rates in the microfiltration range.



Picture 8: In the food and beverage industry, woven solutions from GKD take on key functions in cooking oil filtration, food production and fruit juice production.



Picture 9: The Tour Europlaza in Paris shows the aacoustical building optimization from metal mesh systems from GKD.

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Picture 10: With the Pavillon Dufour at the Palace of Versailles, one of the most prominent projects in company history of GKD was completed in 2016.



Picture 11: In the MEDIAMESH® transparent media façade system, at the Port Authority Bus Terminal in New York, GKD combines visually aesthetic and ecological product properties with the possibilities offered by state-of-the-art digital media.

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