

Bernd Hilgarth becomes Managing Director and Chief Sales Officer (CSO) of MAG IAS GmbH

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Eislingen, August 8, 2025 - The Fair Friend Group (FFG) has appointed Bernd Hilgarth as Managing Director and Chief Sales Officer (CSO) of MAG IAS GmbH (MAG IAS), effective August 1, 2025. In this role, he will assume overall responsibility for the sales organization of MAG IAS and the Fair Friend Group and will report directly to the Group's CEO, Dr. Sebastian Schöning.

With this personnel decision, FFG is further demonstrating its consistent development of its global sales strategy as part of its ongoing realignment. Bernd Hilgarth has more than three decades of experience in the machine tool industry. He began his career at Boehringer Werkzeugmaschinen GmbH, followed by various management positions in renowned companies in the industry. Most recently, he held a leading sales position at the CHIRON Group for over ten years.

“With Bernd Hilgarth, we are gaining a leader who combines technological expertise, in-depth market knowledge, and entrepreneurial vision,” said Dr. Sebastian Schöning. “He will make a significant contribution to further strengthening our position in the global markets and systematically developing our customer focus.”

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Image 1: As new Managing Director and Chief Sales Officer (CSO) of MAG IAS GmbH, Bernd Hilgarth will be responsible for the sales organization of MAG IAS GmbH and the Fair Friend Group, effective August 1, 2025.

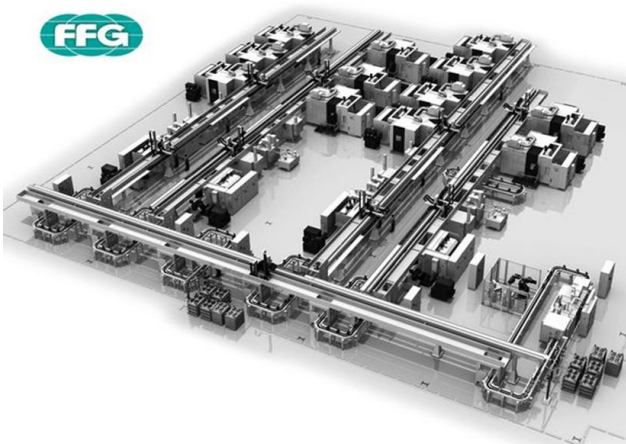


Image 2: Fair Friend Group (FFG) MAG IAS supplies high-quality machining centers for production of electric and combustion engines, crankcases, axles and wheels for industries such as aerospace, railway, automotive, heavy-duty vehicles and industrial manufacturing.

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FFG combines the rich traditions of the German, Swiss, Italian, American, Chinese, Taiwanese, Korean, and Japanese machine tool industries within a single group. Brands like VDF Boehringer, CORCOM, DMC, Feeler, Hessapp, IMAS, Jobs, Leadwell, MAG, Meccanodora, Morara, Pfiffner, Rambaudi, Sachman, Sigma, SMS, SNK, Tacchella, and Witzig & Frank are synonymous with an exceptionally innovative portfolio of turning, milling, and grinding machines.

The broad product and technology spectrum makes FFG a preferred supplier for cutting machine tools and systems - ranging from cost-effective, robust standard models to high-end production plants and automation concepts. FFG products and systems are used by leading companies in the automotive, commercial vehicle, aerospace, machinery, metalworking, energy, general engineering, and many other industries. A vast network of manufacturing and sales locations, subsidiaries, and service hubs ensures international presence and market proximity.

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