

## Press release

### **Schröder Group continues its third generation of leadership**

## **Next generation takes on business responsibilities**

**Wessobrunn-Forst (Germany), June 29, 2026 – Franz and Gerlinde Schröder have handed over the Schröder Group—comprising Hans Schröder Maschinenbau GmbH, SCHRÖDER-FASTI Technologie GmbH, SCHRÖDER-FASTI Scandinavia A/S, and SMU GmbH—to their daughter Sabrina and their son-in-law Markus Hibler. As a result, the internationally successful group of companies remains family-owned. Markus Hibler has been a member of the executive board at Hans Schröder Maschinenbau since October 2020. Franz Schröder had increasingly stepped back from day-to-day operations in recent years. He will continue to serve the executive board in an advisory capacity.**

„I am happy to have found a succession plan that will ensure the company my father founded—and my own life’s work—continues with a high degree of continuity. This provides security for our teams and business partners as well as for our customers. The handover of the company marked the formal conclusion of this positive development,” explains Franz Schröder. “I wish Sabrina and Markus all the best and continued success.”

### **Continuity for Strong Brands**

In the plumbing industry and the sheet metal processing industry alike, Schröder and SCHRÖDER-FASTI are synonymous with reliable solutions, precision, and repeatability in the folding, cutting, flanging, and slip bending of sheet metal. “We have made a name for ourselves through precision and innovation—both in craft machinery and in highly automated industrial solutions. The Schröder Group has always taken a close look at the challenges sheet metal processing professionals face and how we can make their day-to-day work easier. Offering high-quality solutions to these challenges will continue to be our business model,” says Markus Hibler.

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**Two generations of the Schröder Group's leadership: Franz Schröder, Sabrina Hibler, Markus Hibler, and Gerlinde Schröder (from left to right).**

### About Schröder Group

The Schröder Group consists of Hans Schröder Maschinenbau GmbH, which is located in Wessobrunn-Forst, Germany, SCHRÖDER-FASTI Technologie GmbH, located in Wermelskirchen, Germany and the SMU GmbH, located in Leinburg-Weißbrunn.

Founded in 1949, Hans Schröder Maschinenbau GmbH unifies traditional and modern approaches in machine building: Successfully managed as a quality and customer-oriented, family-owned company, Hans Schröder Maschinenbau is specialized in the development of modern machine concepts for bending and cutting sheet metal.

The successful integration of the Fasti Company in 2006 and its worldwide presence make the Schröder Group one of today's leading providers of machines for bending, cutting, beading, flanging, and circular bending all types of sheet metal. The company's precision machines range from proven solutions for craftsmen to innovative, high-performance machines for automatic industrial production processes. 2021 the Schröder Group was expanded by the tool manufacturer SMU GmbH. Overall, the Schröder Group currently employs more than 300 people at various locations at home and abroad.

Further information is available at <https://www.schroedergroup.eu/en/>.

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