

## **Press release**

Rittal GmbH & Co. KG



*New member of the Rittal Management Board:*

### **Dr René Umlauf joined Rittal's Management Board on 1 June 2019**

**He was appointed to the Rittal Management Board with effect from 1 June 2019. He is responsible for sales in the regions of Europe, North and South America, Asia-Pacific, as well as the Middle East and Africa. In addition, he is in charge of Service, Internal Sales, as well as Operations.**

Herborn, 28 June 2019 – Rittal, the leading global provider of solutions for industrial enclosures and IT infrastructure, is pleased to welcome Dr René Umlauf (54) as new head of its international sales team. “We are living in times of economic volatility and growing barriers to world trade. In this environment, the ability to guarantee global availability and quality and generate growth represents a challenging task in sales, too”, said Dr. Karl-Ulrich Köhler, CEO of Rittal International. “It calls for a deep understanding and feeling for the international markets and the needs of customers. Dr Umlauf brings a wealth of experience to this role from his earlier management positions. We are delighted to have him on board.”

“I’m looking forward to working in such a resilient family-owned and operated business. Rittal enjoys an excellent reputation as a technology leader and has been an undisputed leading brand in Europe for years. We intend to further expand our growth and market position in the international focus markets,” explains Dr René Umlauf, Managing Director International Sales at Rittal.

Dr Umlauf succeeds Hans Sondermann, whom the department thanks for the wide range of work he has tackled and wishes him all the best for the future.

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Dr Umlauf was recently the managing partner of Römheld & Moelle Eisengießerei GmbH and an independent management consultant for strategy, sales and internationalisation. Prior to that, he had held senior management positions at Siemens and MAN SE for over 20 years.

He studied Mechanical Engineering and Factory Planning at the Technical University of Dresden, is married and based in Erlangen, Bavaria.

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### **Caption(s)**

Figure (fri191305900.jpg): Dr. René Umlauf has been appointed to Rittal's Management Board as Managing Director for International Sales.

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### **About Rittal**

Rittal, headquartered in Herborn, Germany, is a leading global provider of solutions for industrial enclosures, power distribution, climate control and IT infrastructure, as well as software and services. Systems made by Rittal are deployed in over 90 per cent of all industries across the world, including machine building and plant engineering, food and beverages, and IT and telecommunications.

The international market leader's product portfolio includes configurable enclosures, with data available across the entire production process. Smart Rittal cooling systems, with up to 75 per cent lower power and CO<sub>2</sub> consumption, can communicate with the production landscape, enabling predictive maintenance and servicing. The offering also includes innovative IT products, from IT racks and modular data centres, to edge and hyperscale computing solutions.

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Leading software providers Eplan and Cideon support the value chain, providing interdisciplinary engineering solutions, while Rittal Automation Systems offers solutions for switchgear. Within Germany, Rittal can supply products on demand within 24 hours – with precision, flexibility and efficiency.

Founded in 1961, Rittal is the largest company in the owner-operated Friedhelm Loh Group. The Friedhelm Loh Group is active worldwide, with 18 production sites and 80 international subsidiaries. It has approximately 12,000 employees and posted revenues of €2.6 billion in fiscal 2018. In 2019, the family-run business was named one of Germany's leading employers by the Top Employers Institute, for the eleventh year running. Within the scope of a Germany-wide survey, Focus Money magazine identified the Friedhelm Loh Group as one of the nation's best providers of vocational training for the fourth time in 2019.

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