



## CAREER ANNOUNCEMENT

### **Manfred Huber and Benedikt Wolfram join the Executive Board at Bene GmbH**

*Starting immediately, Manfred Huber is responsible for the operational processes and technical progress of the company as the new Chief Technical Director (CTO). Benedikt Wolfram is the new Chief Financial Officer (CFO). Together with the existing Executive Board Member for Sales, Marketing and Innovation Michael Fried, the three of them now form the new Bene Executive Board.*

*July 4 2022, Vienna / Waidhofen a. d. Ybbs* On 1 July 2022, Bene GmbH appointed two new Executive Board Members, Manfred Huber (56) and Benedikt Wolfram (41) to take over from Jörg Schuschnig, Executive Board Member for Operations and Finance, who is turning his attention to new professional challenges. The expansion of the Executive Board strengthens the sustainable growth and future development of Bene GmbH as an international office furniture manufacturer.

As Chief Technical Director, Manfred Huber will contribute his competencies in strategic corporate development as well as profound technical expertise in office furniture manufacturing. Having most recently served as CEO of hali, he was primarily responsible for corporate restructuring and brand repositioning. Together with his team, he implemented important key projects involving hali's sustainable development, thereby contributing to the company's lasting success.

His new responsibilities include operations, logistics and purchasing. "The transfer to Bene's Executive Board allows me to work in an exciting and international environment as well as to take on new tasks within BGO Holding. I am looking forward to contributing to Bene's continued successful business development in my area of responsibility and to optimising the economic foundations for the company's innovative strength and sustainability", says Manfred Huber.

Benedikt Wolfram will take over the areas of Finance, Legal and IT as Chief Financial Officer (CFO). Before joining BGO Holding this year, Mr. Wolfram worked as Chief Financial Officer at Alu Menziken Group and Puls Group. In his new role as CFO of Bene, he will drive forward the company's sustainable development: "As an industry pioneer in the office furniture industry, we are working together to implement long-term and sustainable growth strategies, even in economically challenging times."



Jörg Schuschnig, Executive Board Member for Finances and Production, will leave the company on 1 September 2022. “We would like to thank Jörg Schuschnig for his tireless commitment and the significant contribution he has made to Bene over the past six years. Together, we have implemented many ground-breaking projects and ensured a healthy and, above all, sustainable company growth, despite the difficult times. Having Manfred Huber and Benedikt Wolfram on the Executive Board, I am looking forward to continuing a fruitful and loyal partnership”, says Michael Fried, Executive Board Member for Sales, Marketing and Innovation

### **Innovative product design as growth driver**

An international brand with Austrian roots, Bene is represented in over 40 countries with a dense distribution network of branches and authorised dealers that stretches from Vienna, Berlin, London and Paris to Dubai and Sydney. For the first time in the company’s history, a showroom was opened in Milan Italy in June 2022.

Bene’s product portfolio impresses with its close link between design and functionality. Such strength is also recognised internationally: in 2022 alone, Bene won the prestigious Red Dot Design Award for the sustainable 3D printed office accessories bFRIENDS, the Design Guild Mark Award for the PORTS series, the Focus Open Silver Award for U-Turn and the Best of Design Award for the folding X-PRESS table. On top of these successes, the brand also unveiled a new product innovation CASUAL by Bene this year. CASUAL by Bene is all about comfortable and functional seating, consisting of the CASUAL Bench, the CASUAL Lounge Chair and the CASUAL Table. More product innovations will follow towards the end of the year.

In addition to its expanded product range, Bene is constantly working on the further development of its sustainability goals.

### **Sustainability at Bene**

Bene focuses on resource-saving production of office furniture, short delivery routes and regional sourcing of raw materials. All Bene products are Made in Europe and 98 per cent of all Bene suppliers are from Europe. Environmental protection begins with the design and continues through to the selection of raw materials and production. We emphasise the use of environmentally friendly material right from the product development stage.

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In 2021, Bene was the first Austrian furniture manufacturer to receive the EU Ecolabel. The European Commission's environmental label has been awarded to particularly sustainable products since 1992.

### **Great place to work**

Bene not only invests in sustainable and resource-saving production, but also in the well-being of its approximately 700 employees. These efforts were rewarded with the Great Place to Work® award in June 2022, making Bene one of the best employers in the country.

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### **About Bene**

*The international office expert is a specialist in the design and furnishing of office and working environments. Bene defines the office as a living space, and its concepts, products and services turn this philosophy into a reality. The Bene Group is a globally active company with its head office and production facilities in Waidhofen an der Ybbs, Austria. Development, design, and production, along with consulting and sales, are thereby united under one Austrian roof. As a significant market player in Europe, Bene stands for innovative concepts, inspiring offices, and high-quality design, and develops and produces customised solutions for all company sizes – from one-person companies to SMEs and global corporations.*

*Ecological, economic and social thinking and behaviour celebrate a long tradition at Bene. Sustainability spans all company divisions – from product development, purchasing, production and logistics to product recycling. We see sustainability not just as a requirement, but also as an inspiration for using new ideas to advance step by step into a better, sustainable future. [www.bene.com](http://www.bene.com)*

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