**PRESS RELEASE**

**Patricia Möckesch and Claus Scholler strengthen BGO Holding with their expertise**

Vienna, 12 December 2023 - Bene, known for its inspiring office and working environments, stands for sustainability, creativity, and design. The Austrian office furniture manufacturer Bene shapes the working world with its concepts, products, and services. This commitment is also evident at BGO Holding which, in addition to Bene, includes Hali, Neudoerfler and Planmöbel. Together, these brands are actively shaping the future of work. To this end, BGO looks to innovative minds such as Patricia Möckesch and Claus Scholler, who are courageously pioneering new approaches in design. Since April 2023, both have been enriching BGO Holding with their expertise.

"Claus and Patricia have been with Bene for a long time and have been working for BGO as Head of Product Management and Head of Design & Innovation for several months. They have already provided significant impetus for product innovation within the Group, which will inspire customer projects worldwide," explains Michael Fried, Bene Managing Director Marketing, Sales, Design & Innovation.

**Leaders with ecological principles**

As Head of Innovation and Design, Patricia Möckesch is already a pacesetter in the office industry. She and Claus Scholler are driving forward innovative strategies, processes and initiatives. Their responsibilities include researching new product and production technologies, analysing market trends and, in particular, introducing forward-thinking products and services. In doing so, their mission is to improve the environment that influences our daily experiences and thoughts to be more sustainable. “To achieve this, we need to rethink our design processes. The focus is on making our products durable, repairable and recyclable. Circularity plays a central role in the development of new products”, explains Möckesch.

**Economic opportunities thanks to sustainable production**

Sustainability in design and production not only provides ecological benefits but also brings economic advantages. “We strive to produce office furniture that is long-lasting and timeless. The use of innovative and recycled materials is revolutionising our production methods”, says Claus Scholler, Head of Product Management, who has been with Bene for 24 years. Both have been enriching BGO Holding with their expertise since April 2023.

**BGO Holding – a strong office network**

BGO Holding, an international office furniture group with Austrian roots, boasts not only four strong brands but also a significant market share. With sales of around EUR 250 million and approximately 1,300 employees at three production sites in Austria, it is represented in nearly 40 countries. From Vienna to Berlin, from London and Paris to Dubai and Sydney – in all of these places, the focus is always on responsibility and sustainability.

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