Generational Change at High-Tech Company PI

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Physik Instrumente (PI) GmbH & Co. in Karlsruhe has now implemented a quiet and long-planned generational change in its management. After 42 years as managing director, Dr. Karl Spanner has handed over the management of the company to his son, Markus Spanner.

"Our technologies have enormous potential to make our customers' applications even more successful," says Markus Spanner, who has been PI's managing director since the beginning of the year. Markus Spanner has held managerial responsibility as Managing Director Finance & Controlling at PI over the last 11 years. "PI has a great deal of potential for growth in the future and we want to exploit more than ever before."

He has established an extended management team to take a structured approach to achieving the new targets. He will be assisted by Dr. Peter Schittenhelm (COO), Dr. Markus Czanta (CTO), Stéphane Bussa (CSO) and Heiko Brehm (CFO).

Physik Instrumente employs more than 1,300 people all over the world and is represented at 15 locations in Europe, North America, and Asia. The company is a market and technology leader for high-precision positioning in high-tech business sectors such as life sciences, semiconductor manufacturing, photonics, and industrial automation. PI occupies third place in the Handelsblatt's Top 100 Ranking of SMEs 2019.



Markus Spanner has been PI's Managing Director since January 2020

PI in Brief

PI (Physik Instrumente), headquartered in Karlsruhe, is the market and technology leader for high-precision positioning technology and piezo applications in the semiconductor industry, life sciences, photonics, and in industrial automation. In close cooperation with customers from all over the world and for 50 year now, PI's specialists (approx. 1,300) have been pushing, again and again, the boundaries of what is technically possible and developing customized solutions from scratch. More than 350 granted and pending patents underline the company's claim to innovation. PI has six production sites and 15 sales and service offices in Europe, North America, and Asia.

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