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April **WÜSTHOF appoints Florian Kohfink as Chief Financial Officer**  
Commercial Director of the WÜSTHOF Group, Head of Finance  
and Accounting

Personnel WÜSTHOF is pleased to announce Florian Kohfink's appointment as CFO and Board Member as of 19 April 2021. Kohfink's responsibilities will include global finance and controlling as well as management of the company in Solingen, Germany. He will report directly to WÜSTHOF's global CEO, Jan-Patrick Schmitz.

Kohfink brings wide-ranging international expertise and will play a key role in helping shape the WÜSTHOF family business into a global premium brand. He has acquired extensive experience working with family companies as well as multinationals, in locations ranging from Munich to London and Chicago. Early in his career he worked for European toy manufacturer Ravensburger, both as CFO of their American branch and as Director of Finance of a listed subsidiary in Germany. He then spent over 13 years at McDonald's Corporation, where he held a variety of executive positions.



Kohfink joins WÜSTHOF from Vinnolit GmbH & Co. KG, part of the Westlake Chemical Corporation, where his most recent appointment was as Division Controller/CFO Europe & Asia and Director of Finance & IT. In addition to finance and controlling, his strengths include global process and change management as well as IT.

'I am really pleased that Florian is joining us,' says Jan-Patrick Schmitz, WÜSTHOF's global CEO. 'With his razor-sharp mind and exceptional strategic experience, he will sustainably advance the optimisation of our business processes and, consequently, generate an increase in efficiency. Florian's intercultural competence will be most advantageous in his contributions to the further internationalisation of the WÜSTHOF brand.'

'I'm delighted to be joining WÜSTHOF at this crucial stage of development,' says Kohfink. 'As a passionate home cook, I'm well acquainted with the brand. I am therefore all the more excited to be involved in actively shaping the group's fortunes and support the growth journey that has got off to such a successful start with globally standardised, integrated and efficient processes and systems. The international market potential is enormous, and I look forward to working with the highly motivated WÜSTHOF team to grow it even further.'

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