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## Press Release

### **GOLDBECK and ZAUNERGROUP agree on strategic partnership for growing data center market**

**The demand for high-performance data centers is growing rapidly - driven by digitalisation, cloud services and the use of AI. GOLDBECK and ZAUNERGROUP have entered into a strategic partnership to meet this trend with a comprehensive offering. The aim is to offer customers in the data center unit a complete solution by combining the strengths of both companies.**

*Bielefeld / Wallern an der Trattnach.* The strategic partnership between GOLDBECK and ZAUNERGROUP focuses on the design, construction and start of operation of data centers. With their strategic partnership, GOLDBECK and ZAUNERGROUP offer a decisive advantage: customers - employers and operators of data centers - receive complex and technically sophisticated building system combinations from a single source. They benefit from smooth processes, cost-effective implementation, reliability and adherence to deadlines in order to meet the high demands placed on the construction and start of operation of data centers.

At the same time, ZAUNERGROUP continues to implement projects in the data center unit and in all other business areas on its own responsibility and supports its customers there directly.

## **Unique combination of experience in plant engineering and construction**

The strategic partnership is based on a clear and unique combination of competences: GOLDBECK contributes decades of experience as a partner in construction projects for medium-sized companies, large corporations, industrial and technology companies, developers and public sector clients. ZAUNERGROUP, on the other hand, is an internationally leading specialist in industrial plant and pipeline construction. The company covers the entire value chain - from engineering, production and assembly to the start of operation of complex systems such as those in data centers.

"We are delighted to be working with GOLDBECK. Together with GOLDBECK, we are expanding our strengths. This results in fully integrated solutions for data centers in various sizes and designs," explains Roman Zauner, who heads ZAUNERGROUP as Managing Director together with Andreas Beck.

"ZAUNERGROUP contributes technical expertise and international experience in industrial plant construction. This expertise is indispensable for the implementation of data center projects and perfectly complements our skills from the construction industry," adds Michael Schmid, Managing Director of GOLDBECK Advanced Industries.

## **Growing data center market across Europe**

The demand for data centers in Europe has been growing continuously for years - driven by cloud services, AI applications and the digital transformation in almost all industries. Forecasts show that the European market for data centers will experience

strong growth in the coming years. This growth not only requires more capacity, but also complex, energy-efficient and sustainable solutions to meet legal and customer requirements.

Against this backdrop, Hans-Jörg Frieauff, Managing Director of GOLDBECK, emphasises the importance of the strategic partnership: "Data centers are the backbone of digital infrastructure. Together with ZAUNERGROUP, we are making a contribution to Europe's digital future - always in close partnership with our customers and the trades involved. This is how we create places where data flows securely, reliably and sustainably."

## **Investment in ZAUNERGROUP to strengthen the partnership**

As part of the agreement, GOLDBECK is acquiring a stake in ZAUNERGROUP to establish the partnership on a long-term basis. ZAUNERGROUP will remain independent and continue to operate its existing business areas as before. The management teams of both companies will continue to operate independently and retain full responsibility for their organisations.

Roman Zauner, Managing Director of ZAUNERGROUP, emphasises: "The fact that GOLDBECK shares our attitude, our values and our path is a strong signal of mutual trust. This cooperation is not an operational control unit, but a genuine partnership of equals."

Michael Schmid, Managing Director of GOLDBECK Advanced Industries, summarises: "Deep trust, lived corporate cultures and mutual appreciation – these are the foundations on which we are building our future together."

The investment is still subject to antitrust review.



**Image description:** GOLDBECK and ZAUNERGROUP agree on a strategic partnership for the growing data center market (from left to right): Marcus Wattenberg (Managing Director of Ortwin Goldbeck Holding SE), Eike von Katte (Deputy Head of Finance Europe at GOLDBECK), Michael Schmid (Managing Director of GOLDBECK Advanced Industries), Jörg-Uwe Goldbeck (Managing Partner at GOLDBECK), Manfred Zauner (Founder and Partner ZAUNERGROUP), Roman Zauner (Managing Partner ZAUNERGROUP), Regine Freimund (Member of the Supervisory Board ZAUNERGROUP), Hans-Jörg Frieauff (Managing Director GOLDBECK), Andreas Beck (Managing Partner ZAUNERGROUP), Franz Maurer (Partner ZAUNERGROUP).

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## **About GOLDBECK**

GOLDBECK builds future-oriented buildings across Europe. The company regards buildings as products, which it delivers efficiently by serving as a one-stop shop: from design and construction to services during operation. In line with the aspiration "building excellence", the family-owned company carries out real estate projects fast, sustainably and cost-effectively, with a perfectly fitting functionality.

GOLDBECK is a partner for medium-sized and large companies, investors, project developers and public-sector clients. The company's range of services includes warehouses and factories, multi-storey car parks, office and school buildings, sports halls, fire stations, and residential buildings. GOLDBECK is also involved in the construction of data centers. Refurbishment and expansion of existing buildings, as well as building-related services complete the GOLDBECK spectrum. In the financial year 2024/2025, GOLDBECK completed around 600 projects throughout Europe with a total output of 6.3 billion euros. Currently the company employs more than 13,000 personnel at more than 100 locations across Europe.

Further information can be found at [www.goldbeck.de/en](http://www.goldbeck.de/en).

## **About ZAUNERGROUP**

ZAUNERGROUP is one of the leading international specialists in industrial plant and piping construction. Originally founded as a regional family business, the group now employs over 1,100 people across several sites in Europe.

The company carries out projects in forward-looking industries such as life sciences, data centers, semiconductors and microelectronics. Each project is managed individually: from project management through engineering, prefabrication and assembly to commissioning and maintenance, ZAUNERGROUP offers tailor-made solutions from a single source.

A key focus is on close collaboration with clients to ensure technical precision and smooth processes. This results in industrial facilities that meet complex requirements and enable long-term use.

Further information can be found at [www.zaunergroup.com](http://www.zaunergroup.com).