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Koehler Group COO Re-elected to the Board of Trustees of Offenburg University of Applied Sciences

- **The Board of Trustees advises the University on its development**
- **A second term of office for Dr. Stefan Karrer**
- **The Koehler Group makes a point of interacting closely with the talent pool in the Ortenau region**

Oberkirch, Germany, 01/02/2024—Dr. Stefan Karrer, Chief Operating Officer of the Koehler Group, has been re-elected to the Board of Trustees of Offenburg University of Applied Sciences. The University's Senate appointed Karrer for a second time at its first meeting of the 2023/2024 winter semester. Karrer's term of office will run for another four years.

University's Board of Trustees Provides Valuable Opportunities to Share Expertise

The Board of Trustees was established in 1990 to advise Offenburg University of Applied Sciences on its development, while at the same time ensuring continued dialog between the University, business, and wider society. The Board of Trustees is particularly invited to comment on teaching, degree programs, the transfer of knowledge, and internationalization. The high profile of the Board of Trustees, which includes prominent figures from politics, business, local authorities, science, and associations, provides a sound basis for the University's wide-ranging involvement in the Ortenau region.

Dr. Stefan Karrer, Chief Operating Officer of the Koehler Group, said of his re-election to the Board of Trustees: "It is precisely this combination of science, business, and politics that makes the Board of Trustees such a valuable discussion platform for us as a company. This benefits industry, the University, and above all the students themselves."

Talent Pool for the Ortenau Region and Beyond

With student numbers of around 3,700 across its Offenburg and Gengenbach sites, Offenburg University of Applied Sciences represents a significant talent pool for companies in the Ortenau region and beyond to draw on. One key challenge for the Board of Trustees during this term of office lasting until 2027 will be to find ways to strategically promote the transfer of knowledge between the University, business, society, and politics. New cooperation structures and formats are being developed where innovation processes will be designed together in mutual discussion to help reinforce this transfer of knowledge.

Offenburg University of Applied Sciences is open to new and existing technologies and continues to drive research together with regional partners, among them the Koehler Group, through practical applications.

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Figure: Dr. Stefan Karrer, Chief Operating Officer of the Koehler Group, has been elected to the Board of Trustees of Offenburg University of Applied Sciences for the second time. Source: Koehler Group

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About the Koehler Group

The Koehler Group was founded in 1807 and has been family-run from that moment to the present day. The group's core business activity lies in the development and production of high-quality specialty paper. This includes—among others—thermal paper, playing card board, drinks coasters, fine paper, carbonless paper, recycled paper, decor paper, wood pulp board, sublimation papers, and also innovative specialty papers for the packaging industry since 2019. In Germany, the Koehler Group employs around 2,500 people across five production sites, with three additional sites in the USA. The group operates internationally, with an export share of around 75% in 2022, and brings in an annual turnover of around 1.3 billion euros.

As an energy-intensive company, Koehler invests in renewable energy projects such as wind energy, hydropower, photovoltaics, and biomass with its Koehler Renewable Energy business unit. The Koehler Group has set a goal of producing more energy from renewable sources by 2030 than is required for its paper production operations.

With its Koehler Innovative Solutions division, Koehler is collaborating with start-ups to promote innovations in the core business segments “paper” and “renewable energy”.

Find more information at: <https://www.koehler.com>

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