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## **Tradition Meets the Future: Koehler Group Honors 109 Employees**

- **71 Employees Honored for Their Long Service**
- **Farewell to 38 Employees Entering Retirement and Semi-Retirement**
- **Annual Anniversary Celebrations: A Long-Standing Koehler Tradition**

**Oberkirch, Germany, 07/23/2024** – This year the Koehler Group honored a total of 71 employees who have accumulated 10, 25, 40, or even 50 years of service to the company. The traditional celebration to honor those reaching career milestones and long-serving employees entering retirement was once again held in the Reithalle cultural center in Offenburg. With around 2500 employees in attendance from across the entire Koehler Group, the facilities in Oberkirch were starting to reach maximum capacity, which is why the event has been held in a larger venue in Offenburg since 2023.

### **Intra-Generational Responsibility a Cornerstone of the Company**

In his welcome address, CEO of the Koehler Group Kai Furler stressed the importance of long-serving employees at a time when many companies are focused on short-term objectives. “Working at the same company for 40 or even 50 years is a huge rarity these days,” Furler noted. “Our employees are the beating heart of Koehler. It is their knowledge and their passion that has enabled the company to grow and succeed. We have overcome the challenges of recent years together, resulting in the strong, global company we are today.”

Furler emphasized how valuable the experience and knowledge of long-serving employees is for future generations at Koehler. “Their contribution is of inestimable value to the future development of Koehler,” he added.

### **50 Years of Koehler: Special Moments and Show Highlights**

A particular highlight of the celebration was the honoring of one employee who has been part of the Koehler family for 50 years. This remarkable milestone is evidence of the affinity and the loyalty of employees towards the Koehler Group. “It fills me with great pride to be able to share this special moment with you. Thank you for your loyalty and your commitment over the past five decades,” Furler declared to honoree Helmut Bohnert. In addition to the awards ceremony for long-serving employees, the event had a number of other special highlights. During the course of the evening, guests were not only treated to culinary delicacies, but also to a fascinating football performance to mark the occasion of the semi-finals of the European Soccer Championship.

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*Figure: The members of the executive board of the Koehler Group honored 109 employees for their many years of service. / 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, beverage coasters, fine paper, carbon-less paper, recycled paper, decor paper, wood pulp board, sublimation paper, and also innovative specialty paper 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 67% 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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