

## **PREMIUM Equity Partners acquires majority stake in LKE-Group**

*Strengthening the leading position in the DACH region and expansion into additional European markets*

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Funds advised by PREMIUM Equity Partners, Frankfurt am Main, together with Kempen Private Markets Fund, Amsterdam, have acquired the majority in LKE-Group (LKE), headquartered in Marl near Recklinghausen. LKE's CEO, Björn Riechers, reinvests his prior shareholding and also new managers were invited as shareholders.

LKE was founded in 1994 and is one of the leading German manufacturers of transport solutions used in intralogistics, distribution logistics, and floor-to-floor logistics. LKE is benefiting from the ongoing expansion of e-commerce trading volumes and the increasing use of lean production techniques. The long-standing and renowned customer base across various industries appreciates LKE's high product quality, the development of tailor-made transport solutions, and its fast and reliable delivery capabilities.

Going forward, PREMIUM and its industry partners will support LKE in strengthening its national and international market presence and further complementing the existing product and service portfolio, also through add-on acquisitions.

Björn Riechers, CEO of LKE: "The management is pleased to continue the successful journey of our company in its dynamic market environment. Together with PREMIUM Equity Partners, we strive to unlock additional market potential at home and abroad and make LKE an even more efficient and attractive partner for our customers."

Marcel van Wijk, Managing Partner of PREMIUM, adds: "LKE has a unique market position and is strongly integrated into the material flow and distribution logistics of its customers. We are looking forward to working with LKE's management to realize the growth plans for Europe and to further establish the company as the partner of choice for efficient material flow and logistics system solutions."

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