

## Press release

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### **Südzucker appoints Hans-Peter Gai to the executive board**

As already announced in the press release of 12 November 2021, Dr Thomas Kirchberg (62), COO of Südzucker AG, will leave the executive board of Südzucker AG on 31 August 2022 and retire. He will be succeeded by Hans-Peter Gai (55) on 1 November 2022; his appointment to the executive board is for three years.

Hans-Peter Gai studied Mechanical Engineering in Karlsruhe and gained more than 20 years of professional experience in the areas of food production, supply chain, technology and product development as well as transformation while working for companies such as Unilever, Theo Müller and Danone. "We are very pleased to have gained Hans-Peter Gai, a highly experienced manager in the food industry, for Südzucker. With this decision by the supervisory board, we believe that Südzucker's executive board is ideally positioned for the tasks ahead," said Dr Stefan Streng, chairman of the supervisory board of Südzucker AG.

Until Hans-Peter Gai joins the board, the responsibilities of the departing Dr Thomas Kirchberg will be temporarily managed by Dr Niels Pörksen, CEO of Südzucker AG; the executive board responsibilities will be reorganised in the near future. The function of labour director will be transferred to Dr Niels Pörksen as of 1 September 2022.

Südzucker's executive board would like to thank Dr Thomas Kirchberg for his dedicated and successful work for the company and for the many years of trustful cooperation.

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### **About the Südzucker Group**

Südzucker is a major player in the food industry with its sugar, special products, starch and fruit segments, and Europe's leading ethanol producer with its CropEnergies segment.

In the traditional sugar business, the group is Europe's number one supplier of sugar products, with 23 sugar factories and two refineries, extending from France in the west via Belgium, Germany and Austria, through to Poland, the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Romania, Hungary, Bosnia, and Moldova in the east. The special products segment, with its consumer-oriented functional ingredients for food and animal feed (BENEO), chilled/frozen products (Freiberger) and portion packs (PortionPack Europe), operates in dynamic growth markets. Südzucker's CropEnergies segment is Europe's leading producer of renewable ethanol, with production sites in Germany, Belgium, France and Great Britain. Other products in this segment are protein food and animal feed products as well as biogenic carbon dioxide. The starch segment comprises AGRANA's starch and ethanol activities. The group's fruit segment operates globally, is the world market leader for fruit preparations and is a leading supplier of fruit juice concentrates in Europe.

In 2021/22, the group employed about 18.000 persons and generated revenues of about EUR 7.6 billion.