

Tomas Smetana hands over CTO position to Jens Löffler following the successful implementation of the 'Innovation for Growth (I4G)' change program

MULFINGEN, Germany, March 4, 2026 – Following the successful completion of the strategic program 'Innovation for Growth,' Prof. Dr. Tomas Smetana will hand over the position of Chief Technology Officer to Jens Löffler on April 1, 2026. The company is thus relying on an internal candidate for this key role, underscoring its commitment to promoting its own talent. Smetana played a key role in shaping the transformation of the company with the introduction of agile structures and sustainable innovations. Under his leadership, innovative and award-winning fans and digital solutions have been developed. Löffler, who has held various management positions at ebm-papst for many years and most recently served as a Vice President in the United States, brings international experience and in-depth technical expertise to the table. He will consistently continue the course that has been set and shape the next phase, 'Innovation-to-Business.' The management team thanks Smetana for his commitment and wishes both every success in their new roles.

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Picture 1: Tomas Smetana hands over the CTO position to Jens Löffler

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