

Press release

Change at the top of Vetropack: Lukas Burkhardt is the new CEO

Bülach, 5 January 2026 – The [Vetropack Group](#), one of Europe's leading glass packaging manufacturers, has a new Chief Executive Officer (CEO): As scheduled, Dr Lukas Burkhardt assumed operational leadership of Vetropack at the beginning of this year. The 46-year-old Swiss national succeeds Johann Reiter, who retired as planned at the end of 2025.

Lukas Burkhardt brings with him many years of experience in the container glass and automotive industries. He holds a doctorate in mechanical engineering (ETH Zurich) and also gained international management experience in Asia. “I am very much looking forward to my new role and to leading Vetropack into the future,” says Lukas Burkhardt. “For me, Vetropack is a traditional company with enormous potential: As a family business, we are firmly established in the market and have enormous expertise in the development of one of the most sustainable packaging solutions available. We are also well positioned internationally and have a team of experts across all our locations. If we play these trump cards right, we can be successful even in the currently very challenging market environment.”

First-choice candidate with industry expertise

Claude Cornaz, Chairman of the Board of Directors, expressed great satisfaction with the succession solution: “In Lukas Burkhardt, we have secured our first-choice candidate for the position of CEO. He knows our industry and understands how it works. At the same time, he brings fresh ideas and concepts from his previous positions to our company. We very much look forward to working with him!”

Cornaz also thanked the departing CEO Johann Reiter for his services: “Johann Reiter led the Vetropack Group successfully since 2018. In particular, he has driven ahead the Group's internationalisation and strategic realignment. Johann Reiter has initiated important developments and thus made a lasting impact on Vetropack.”

Illustrations:



Illustration 1:

Since 1 January 2026, Dr Lukas Burkhardt is the new CEO of the Vetropack Group.



Illustration 2:

Claude Cornaz, Chairman of the Board of Directors (right), and Lukas Burkhardt, new CEO (left), during the announcement of the succession plan.



Illustration 3:

The Vetropack Group ranks among Europe's leading manufacturers of glass packaging for the food and beverage industry, with around 3,600 employees and net sales of CHF 842.1 million in 2024.

About the Vetropack Group

The Vetropack Group numbers among Europe's leading manufacturers of glass packaging for the food and beverage industry, with around 3,600 employees and net sales of CHF 842.1 million in 2024. Vetropack has cutting-edge production plants as well as sales and distribution offices in Switzerland, Austria, the Czech Republic, Croatia, Slovakia, Ukraine, Italy, the Republic of Moldova and Romania.

Through our work, we enable people to enjoy food and beverages in the most elegant, safest and most responsible way. This is because glass is a sustainable packaging solution – and the perfect material to ensure that food is packaged safely. Our holistic Service plus+ approach helps our customers to optimise their value chains so they can guarantee consumers' safety. To this end, we endeavour to build close and long-lasting relationships. Guided by our understanding of environmental responsibility and cost efficiency, we aim to minimise our carbon footprint throughout the supply chain, and we are committed to recycling as the key to optimising product life-cycles.

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