

Körber acquires Bähren Pharma-Packaging to offer customers expanded integrated packaging solutions

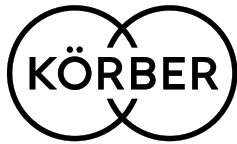
29 November 2024 – Körber’s Business Area Pharma continues to grow and strengthens its Packaging competence by signing an agreement to acquire Wilhelm Bähren GmbH & Co. KG (Mönchengladbach, Germany). Bähren is an innovative supplier with a wide product offering for labels and leaflets for the pharmaceutical industry and builds a substantial extension of Körber’s existing packaging offerings for customers.

Bähren’s label and leaflet offerings complement Körber’s existing packaging portfolio so that customers will benefit from full line supply in secondary packaging encompassing boxes, labels, and leaflets. As a third-generation family-owned company driven by innovation, Bähren perfectly matches Körber’s entrepreneurial DNA. In the future, their expertise will be offered as part of the ecosystem offerings under the Körber brand to create value for customers in the pharmaceutical industry. The leadership team is an integral part of the new setup and will continue to steer the teams.

Erich Hoch, Group Executive Board Member and President Business Area Pharma states: “Körber’s Business Area Pharma is on a growth path seeking to expand its portfolio to offer even more integrated solutions for our customers. This acquisition illustrates once again that Körber with its entrepreneurial DNA is a strong fit for companies that innovate and leverage technology to create customer value.”

Joachim Hoeltz, CEO Packaging Materials in the Körber Business Area Pharma adds: “With Bähren in our team, we will be able to offer our customers a comprehensive packaging portfolio from a single source. Customers will benefit from this new expertise in the Körber Ecosystem as well as its alignment with Körber’s machinery competence. Bähren’s focus to offer sustainable solutions with the best service using highest GMP and quality standards fits perfectly to our own DNA and therefore supports our aspiration to be the first choice for our customers.”

Stefan Bisping and Swen Eschmann, Managing Directors of Wilhelm Bähren GmbH & Co. KG state: “Bähren Pharma-Packaging has been on a growth trajectory since 2006 and has developed into a specialist for leaflets and labels over the past ten years, supplying customers worldwide. Our success is based on the holistic digitization and automation of systems and first and foremost, our experienced employees. These pillars combined allowed us to scale processes, manage growth, maintain quality, perform at a high level, and offer various digital services at the same time. For the owners as well as the long-standing managing directors, one central goal was to find a partner for the future who appreciates and shares our values and at the same time sees our product portfolio as complementary to their own. We are proud to have found this partner in Körber and look forward to continuing our success through combining our strengths and the joint approach towards opportunities with such a strong partner.”



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The previous long-standing owners, Walter and Ursula Bähren, add: “We are delighted that we have found the ideal partner for the future of the company in Körber. We would like to thank all employees and the management for their excellent work over the years. We wish all the best for the future.”

The transaction is subject to customary closing conditions and regulatory approvals.

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