

PRESS RELEASE

25 years as an industry partner – Würth Industrie Service celebrates its 25th anniversary

Bad Mergentheim/Main-Tauber-Kreis. Visionary, courageous, consistent: Würth Industrie Service GmbH & Co. KG, the European market leader in supply of small parts to industrial customers, is celebrating its 25th anniversary this year. The company's anniversary marks a significant milestone in the history of the company, which was founded on 13th January 1999 as an independent subsidiary of the Würth Group with just 80 employees on an abandoned 120-hectare barracks in Bad Mergentheim - now known as the Würth Industrial Park. The C-Parts expert has grown continuously over the years and now employs around 1,800 people in Germany and around 6,600 in over 40 countries worldwide.

Rainer Bürkert, Member of the Central Managing Board of the Würth Group, who was instrumental in setting up the company and contributing to its development, looks back on the occasion of the anniversary: "Vision and courage have characterised the Würth Group and Würth Industrie Service since the very beginning. When our company was founded in 1999 and we moved into an area of 120 hectares with 80 employees, many people thought we were crazy. In retrospect, the decision to move to Drillberg in Bad Mergentheim proved to be an absolute guarantee of success. Without the Chairman of the Supervisory Board of the Würth Group, Prof. Dr h. c. mult. Reinhold Würth, who has been a pillar of support for our vision from the very beginning, we would not be where we are today."

"Over the past 25 years, Würth Industrie Service has continued to develop and has become what it is today - the European market leader in the supply of small parts to industrial customers. Together, we have established over 20,000 partnerships with customers throughout Europe. We are especially grateful for the collaborative partnership with our customers, our suppliers, the public and, above all, for the commitment of our employees!", adds Martin Jauss, Chairman of the General Management of Würth Industrie Service.

25 years of problem solving

Manufacturing companies need to have hundreds, even thousands of parts available at the right time, in the right quantity and at the right place. Preferably automated, without any manual intervention. This is exactly where the solutions from Würth Industrie Service come into play. With intelligent racks, vending machines, workstations and electronic solutions, the company delivers the parts to the exact

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location where the goods are needed. Reorders are fully automated, which in turn maximises productivity and transparency and optimises processes. With more than 1,400,000 items, the company has a huge product range - from classic connection and fastening technology, norm and standard parts to indirect materials such as personal protective equipment, technical chemicals and customised special parts.

25 years of being a logistics pioneer

Around 65,000 square metres of logistics space, over 650,000 storage locations, 550 tonnes of goods issued every day: Würth Industrial Park is considered as one of the most advanced logistics centres for industrial supply in the entire Europe. In an area equivalent to about 9 football fields, it is the beating heart of the company. From here, the company supplies to around 20,000 customers. In order to ensure supply in the long term, the company is consistently investing in innovative technologies and expanding its storage capacity. The new high-bay warehouse, which will become operational this year, will create additional space. The interplay between self-learning robots, professional camera inspection systems, driverless transport systems and high-bay and shuttle warehouses with modern IT systems and around 480 employees ensure that processes are perfectly coordinated and the goods are transported from A to B - with the aim of optimised workplace ergonomics, a sustainably healthy way of working and an increased level of automation and digitalisation.

25 years of being a precision expert

"Würth is quality - everywhere and at all times!" This is what the expert of precision has stood for from the very beginning. Precision that is ensured not only by local quality engineers on site, but also by an international network that thoroughly inspects all suppliers. The testing laboratory, which specialises in connection technology and serves as an accredited test centre for more than 50 test procedures, is also an example of high quality standards. On 800 square metres, highly qualified employees work with state-of-the-art equipment to ensure absolutely reliable test results. The C-Parts partner in Bad Mergentheim also receives inquiries from all over the world. In order to be optimally equipped for this and boost the expertise, the company trains and upskills all those involved. In the testing laboratory, it relies specifically on trained materials testers.

25 years of customer proximity

In co-operation with customers and partners from science, research, trade and industry, the C-Parts partner continuously develops pioneering system and product solutions that are tailored to individual customer requirements. In addition to personal

support in inside and field sales, individual experts are also available to all industrial customers - not only in the 13 regional subsidiaries in Germany, but also across 40 countries. The experts are thoroughly familiar with the market, the industry and the requirements of the respective customers. Regular visits, digital contact points and numerous events also contribute to this.

25 years of providing opportunities

With over 1,800 employees, Würth Industrie Service in Bad Mergentheim is one of the largest employers in the Main-Tauber district. It is a matter close to the company's heart to make this region fit for the future and to secure it as a successful business location in the long term. Würth Industrie Service invests around 1.5 million euros a year in the training and development of its employees in order to meet the ongoing demand for skilled labour and to offer young talent promising career opportunities. With twelve different apprenticeships as well as twelve dual study programs, Würth Industrie Service offers a wide range of entry-level opportunities and a variety of subsequent career opportunities – in the classic, commercial administrative professions, in industrial as well as in engineering and IT sector. In 2023, Würth Industrie Service looked back on "20 years of apprenticeship". Over 1,000 apprentices have embarked on their professional journey with their apprenticeship at the company. It is not for nothing that Würth Industrie Service is regularly voted one of the best employers and apprenticeship companies in Germany.

Photo material

Captions:



Photo 1: Aerial view of Würth Industrial Park.jpg

Caption 1: Würth Industrial Park in Bad Mergentheim

Image source 1: Pia Schmitt, Würth Industrie Service GmbH & Co. KG

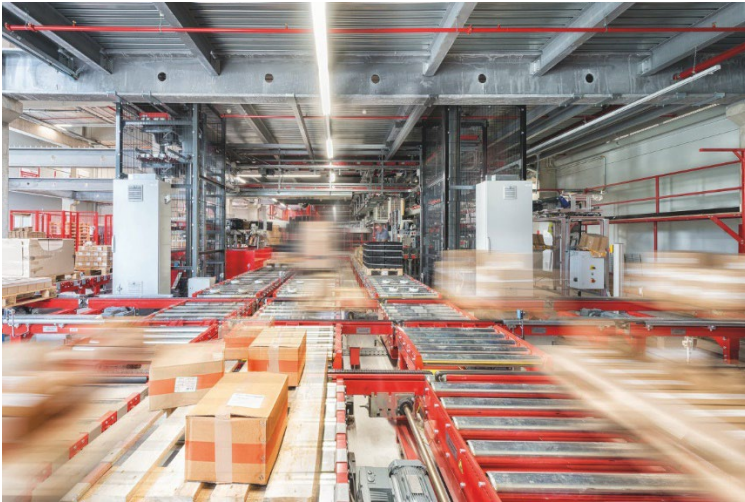


Photo 2: Logistics.jpg

Caption 2: The logistics centre of Würth Industrie Service is one of the most advanced logistics centres for industrial supply in Europe.

Photo 2 source: Pia Schmitt, Würth Industrie Service GmbH & Co. KG

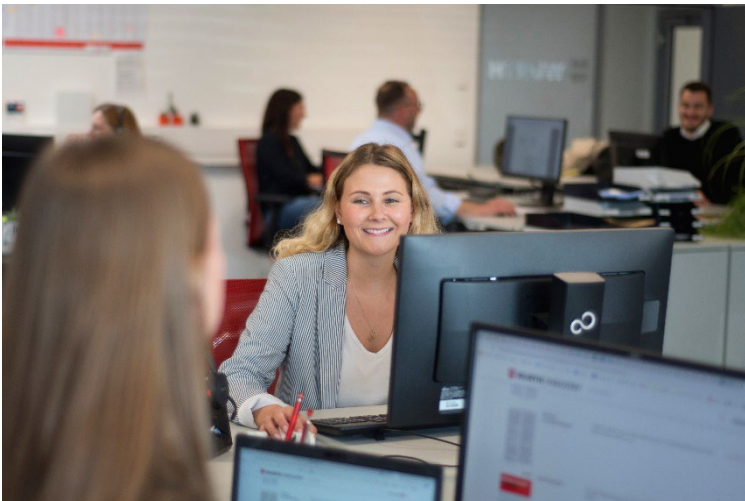


Photo 3: Employees.jpg

Caption 3: The employees of Würth Industrie Service have contributed to the success from the very beginning.

Photo source 3: Annika Röschl, Würth Industrie Service GmbH & Co. KG

Brief profile of Würth Industrie Service GmbH & Co. KG

Within the Würth Group, Würth Industrie Service GmbH & Co. KG is responsible for supplying to the industrial sector. Since its foundation in the year 1999, the company is located at the Würth Industrial Park in Bad Mergentheim, Germany with over 1,800 employees.

As a one-stop C-Parts provider, the company offers its customers a specialised product range with over 1,400,000 items: from screws and tools to connection and fastening technology, technical chemicals as well as occupational safety solutions. In addition to the extensive standard product range, the strength of the company lies in its customer-specific, logistical and dispositive supply and service concepts as well as special parts. Under the service brand "CPS® - C-Product Service", the company offers modular solutions customised as per the customer's requirements. These consumption-based and demand-based systems streamline the processes for purchase, logistics and quality assurance while enabling the procurement of small parts in a cost-optimised manner. Logistic and dispositive services such as shelving systems that use scanners or a just-in-time supply using Kanban bin systems play a significant role in increasing productivity.