

### **Press release**

## Kern and Prolistic agree on strategic cooperation

- + Synergies in the areas of shipping logistics, sorting systems and software solutions
- + Strategic and operational project experience
- + Innovations, products and services

Konolfingen/Sutz, 31.01.2023: Kern AG, a provider of products and services "from the first to the last mile" and PROLISTIC, a company specializing in the collection and sorting of postal deliveries, agree to cooperate closely in the field of dispatch logistics and sorting systems.

The two partners expect that the agreement will strengthen their position in the field of optimized and automated mail logistics with collecting and sorting systems for incoming mail, in-house mail as well as outgoing mail, offering customers high-quality and affordable products and services.

As a family business, Kern has been a renowned Swiss machine manufacturer for over 75 years and offers innovative inserting systems, packaging systems, parcel terminals and all-round services. PROLISTIC is a company specialized in mail processing in Europe with flat hierarchies, knowledge close to the market, excellent possibilities for quick adaptions on the market, individual and highly professional customer solutions.

Ulrich Kern, owner of the Kern Group, comments: "We are looking forward to working with PROLISTIC, especially because there are many common customers, synergies and interfaces in the shared market of shipping logistics."



Robert Blattmann, CEO of PROLISTIC GmbH, explains: "We have formed a powerful partnership with the Kern company to jointly offer system solutions from the first to the last mile. For us it is obvious to present complementary products in Swiss cooperation on the same market. The total solution in the chain is unique on the market and for the customer."

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#### About Kern:

The Kern Group develops, produces, and distributes products, solutions and services in the areas of inserting systems, packaging and logistics solutions worldwide.

With the innovative Kern 24/7 Smart Terminals and multi-format packaging systems, we address authorities and companies that want to break new ground in the field of document and goods logistics as well as parcel dispatch and delivery. This new business area represents an expansion of our activities within a rapidly growing market.

Since its founding by Marc Kern, the company has been in family hands and is now managed by the second generation of the family, by its owner Uli Kern. The group is present in about 50 countries around the world and employs about 700 people.

#### About PROLISTIC:

PROLISTIC, based in Switzerland, has specialized in the collection and sorting of postal items for over 20 years and operates throughout Europe with individual and highly professional customer solutions. Whether for private or governmental letter and parcel service providers, bulk mailers, or consolidators, PROLISTIC offers individual solutions for the areas of incoming mail - mail in-house - outgoing mail - district and aisle sorting. PROLISTIC supports the entire logistics chain around hardware and software including all interfaces as well as customer-oriented support in service and maintenance.

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