

“Hired, Came and Stayed”

At the end of 2022, 47 employees were honored for their many years of service at Groninger – the employees have been loyal to the family company for 10, 25, and in many cases even for 30 years.

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Due to the group size, the anniversary celebration at the end of 2022 was divided into two parts. Jens and Volker Groninger, managing partners, personally honored the jubilarians and thanked them for their loyalty and commitment at both events: “It’s always special to see so many long-term companions,” Jens Groninger says, impressed, and adds, “Not only do you have a lot of seniority here, but also a lot of groninger expertise.”

Conversations with the honorees reveal how correct the managing director is – many of them have already completed their training with the world market leader in filling and closing lines, and in many cases, they have done so together. The atmosphere is correspondingly familiar, with the emphasis on togetherness and mutual appreciation.

Felix Morasch is among those being honored for their tenth anniversary. He sums up his time as follows, “Back then, I applied at groninger, was hired, came, and stayed.” He has never looked back on this decision.

Andreas Streicher, who is also being honored for ten years, puts it this way, “At the time, I thought I’d take the experience of working at groninger for a few months. It’s been ten years now. It’s mind-boggling how quickly time has passed.”

However, time seems to have flown by even faster for those employees who have been with groninger for decades. No surprise, they not only witnessed the company’s rapid growth at first hand, but also made it possible in the first place.

“There was a spirit of optimism everywhere. The company was under construction and we wanted to grow,” says Ralf Glock, who is being honored for 30 years of service.

“There was only one building in Crailsheim when I started three decades ago,” Stefanie Kurz recalls. Today, the groninger sites in Crailsheim, Schnelldorf, and Charlotte (USA) cover an area larger than 14.5 hectares – the size of 20 football fields.

Marcus Bürk, who has also been with us for 30 years, enjoys remembering our breaks together, "We were still a small company back then, where everyone knew everyone, and of course, we took our breaks together."

Volker Groninger adds with a laugh, "In this shape and form, with more than 1,370 employees, this is unfortunately no longer possible. However, it is critical that we maintain this family atmosphere. It sets us apart, makes us successful and ultimately makes work a lot more enjoyable. The nice thing is that we have control over it."

It was the second time in a year that jubilarians were honored. During the summer, 18 employees were honored for their 325 years of service. In total, 65 employees at groninger were honored for a total of 1,085 years - in 2022 alone.

About groninger

groninger is one of the leading international manufacturers of filling and closing machines for the pharmaceutical, consumer healthcare and cosmetics industries.

The slogan "We fill Visions with Life" sums up what groninger stands for--excellent know-how, innovative solutions and cooperative partnership in design of customized machines.

Since the founding of the company in 1980 by Horst Groninger, groninger has developed into a hidden champion and innovation leader in the industry. Today, the second generation of the family business employs over 1,370 people in Crailsheim, Schnellldorf and Charlotte (USA). The company's headquarters are in Crailsheim, Baden-Württemberg.

groninger at a Glance

Founded	1980 by Horst Groninger
Headquarters	Crailsheim (Baden-Württemberg, Germany)
Locations	Crailsheim, Schnellldorf, Charlotte (North Carolina, USA)
Managing Directors	Horst Groninger, Jens Groninger, Volker Groninger, Josef Veile, Dr.-Ing. Frieder Kanitz, Philipp Hauser
In Sector	Filling & closing systems
Business Units	Pharmaceuticals, Consumer Healthcare und Cosmetics
Employees	1.370 worldwide
Export Quota	90 percent

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