



## Owner of the JAF Group, Johann Frischeis, passes away

*Stockerau* – Johann Frischeis, co-founder of the JAF Group, passed away on Sunday 31 May 2020 at the age of 73. Together with his parents, Josef and Antonia Frischeis, and with great personal commitment and commercial foresight, Johann Frischeis laid the foundations for the largest timber-trading company in Central Europe.

### **Personal dedication and extraordinary business acumen**

Johann Frischeis was born in 1947 as the second son to Josef and Antonia Frischeis. One year after their son's birth, his parents founded the timber-trading company J. u. A. Frischeis (JAF) in Stockerau, Lower Austria, which steadily developed to become the country's largest timber trader. At the age of just 17, Johann Frischeis passionately began his career in the veneers division and, following the early death of his father in 1978, took over management of the Group alongside his mother. The global expansion of the JAF Group began after the fall of the Iron Curtain. Thanks to his outstanding business acumen, Johann Frischeis forged ahead with expansion in Eastern Europe. This was followed, in 2014, by the entry into the international back-to-back business, an important expansion step in which Johann Frischeis was a key player. The JAF Group has since been active in the global timber market and has become a European market leader.

### **Respect for his outstanding life's work**

In recent years, Johann Frischeis slowly and deliberately withdrew from day-to-day management activities. Until his death, he monitored business developments and was always on hand to offer his invaluable expertise to JAF Management. "Through a combination of passion, hard work and entrepreneurial skill, Josef, Antonia and Johann Frischeis built the pillars of our company's success and its global growth. Johann Frischeis warrants our greatest respect for his life's work. Our deepest sympathies and condolences during this difficult time go to his relatives," stated visibly saddened JAF CEO Werner Stix on behalf of the entire company.



## **About J. u. A. Frischeis (JAF)**

The JAF Group, known in Austria as J. u. A. Frischeis, is one of Europe's leading suppliers of timber and wood-based materials. 58 sites on three continents: JAF has established itself as a strong partner to the wood processing trade, the construction industry and retailers, and is already the market leader in Austria, the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Hungary and Croatia. This tradition-rich company can draw on seven decades of experience, a comprehensive network of branches in Central Europe, the outstanding expertise of its employees as well as an extensive and diverse product range: This portfolio encompasses 83,000 products, of which more than 20,000 are permanently stocked. Through its top-performance logistics and numerous digital solutions, JAF guarantees maximum flexibility and modern service.

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