

## Press release

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### **Dietmar O. Böcking: Change of baton after successful integration**



**Berker switch manufacturer managing director to leave the group at the end of the year**

**Following twelve years of successfully managing the Berker Group, its managing director Dietmar O. Böcking is taking his leave. Mr Böcking will be departing the company at his own request as of 31<sup>st</sup> December 2010 – in order to devote himself to new tasks and responsibilities.**

Dietmar O. Böcking (50) arrived at the Sauerland-based switch manufacturer in 1998. Prior to that, he had worked for Kienbaum International Management Consultants in Düsseldorf and San Francisco as well as on the management team at Vaillant, the leading company for heating systems. In his twelve years as a senior executive at Berker, Mr. Böcking systematically re-aligned the group as a design-oriented supplier of premium products. Furthermore, under his aegis, the company saw numerous innovations and the internationalisation of the brand. The logical continuation of this strategy was the integration of Berker into the internationally active Hager Group, with the fusion gaining the approval of the cartel offices earlier this summer.

Colleagues at Berker as well as the Hager Group Board would like to take the opportunity of thanking Dietmar O. Böcking for his exemplary professional commitment. Until his departure, he will continue to support the Berker/Hager integration process in his function as CEO for the Berker company.