

Archroma announces Chief Financial Officer succession

Archroma, a global leader in specialty chemicals towards sustainable solutions, today announced that it has appointed Thomas Bucher as its new Chief Financial Officer (CFO) effective 1 October 2021, replacing Roland Waibel who will retire.

Thomas Bucher has a long career in Finance, having held CFO roles with leading industrial and services companies as well as senior Finance roles in the chemical sector. He joins Archroma from Alpiq Holding AG, where he has been Group CFO and a Member of the Executive Management Board since 2015.

Prior to Alpiq, Thomas Bucher was Group CFO at Gategroup for 6 years, where he supported the company's listing and subsequent strategic repositioning, and before that he held a number of senior Finance roles at Ciba Specialty Chemicals over more than 12 years.



Thomas Bucher, Chief Financial Officer Archroma

Chief Executive Officer Heike van de Kerkhof comments: "We are very happy to have Thomas Bucher join us, and add his financial expertise to support our agenda towards confirming Archroma as an undisputed leader in innovative and sustainable specialty chemicals, supported by solid and profitable growth."

She adds: "I want to thank Roland Waibel for his many contributions since

the beginning of Archroma in 2013. He has played an important role helping the company deliver on our growth whilst building a strong finance expert team and expertise at Archroma."

"I am very excited to join Archroma and a team who has shown amazing agility and market relevance in the recent years," adds Thomas Bucher, "transforming itself to operate ever more efficiently, profitably and sustainably."

About Archroma

Archroma is a global, diversified provider of specialty chemicals serving the branded and performance textiles, packaging and paper, and coatings, adhesives and sealants markets.

Headquartered in Reinach, Switzerland, Archroma operates in over 100 countries, with 3,000 employees located in 35 countries and 26 production sites. ♦

BTMA appoints Jason Kent as CEO

The British Textile Machinery Association (BTMA) has announced that Jason Kent has been appointed as Chief Executive Officer of the BTMA Group, which also includes subsidiaries NWTexnet and TREX, effective from Monday 23rd August 2021.

Jason has been a non-executive member of the BTMA board for over 8 years and brings a wealth of experience with him having spent 35 years working in the carpet tufting machinery industry.

As a time-served mechanical technician engineer, Jason ascended through a series of positions of greater responsibility with Cobble Blackburn Limited until its acquisition in 2013 by the Vandewiele Group where he undertook the role of Managing Director for the tufting machinery business.

Jason also studied part-time for his MBA back in 2011 and is also a

Chartered Fellow of the Chartered Management Institute.

"Jason is the right person for leading the BTMA Group into the future," said Alan Little, BTMA's Association Director. "Jason's textile machinery background, business development skills and extensive knowledge of the BTMA and its members will help in delivering the strategic vision of the board. Alan went on to say that "the current BTMA staff look forward to working alongside Jason to assist him in achieving his goals".

"I am very privileged to be joining the BTMA," said Jason Kent. "I believe there are many generational changes ahead that our members must face and the BTMA Group needs to be ready and capable of supporting such challenges."

Jason then went on to explain, "As I see it, we have three initial goals in providing better business outcomes for



our Members through active engagement in addressing industry skills deficits, ensuring we are at the forefront of the industrial digitalisation revolution, and leveraging opportunities brought about through Innovation and the associated global focus on Sustainability." ♦