

## Media release

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### Inauguration of GF Piping Systems headquarters and training center in Schaffhausen

**Around 100 guests attended the opening ceremony for the modernized headquarters and the new customer training center for GF Piping Systems, GF's largest division. The open working environment is designed to encourage employees to work together, thereby boosting innovation.**

Christian Amsler attended the official opening ceremony on behalf of the Government Council of the Canton of Schaffhausen, alongside the Mayor of Schaffhausen Peter Neukomm, representatives from regional businesses, and partners and customers from around the world.

"GF was founded here in Schaffhausen 217 years ago. We are proud of our heritage and our history. This investment is a way of affirming our commitment to Schaffhausen as a location," commented CEO Andreas Müller in his opening speech. Member of the cantonal Government Council Christian Amsler used his speech to express gratitude: "Given the current global challenges, choosing to make this investment was by no means a self-evident decision. We are proud that GF has such close ties to Schaffhausen."

#### **Sustainable, forward-looking investment**

With the complete refurbishment, GF has sought to encourage exchange and cooperation among employees with a view to strengthening innovation within the company. As Joost Geginat, President of GF Piping Systems, stressed in his speech: "Innovation thrives when there is room for free and open discussion. Creating a building that would encourage those kinds of conversations was one of our top priorities."

Consequently, over the past 18 months, 3'000 square meters of new offices have been created, with co-working, team and project areas, as well as a training centre with modern training rooms and a showroom. With its brand-new solar panels and other energy efficiency measures, the building meets the Minergie standard. In total, GF has invested around CHF 20 million. The modernization of the GF Piping Systems headquarters is the biggest GF investment project in Schaffhausen for the last 30 years.

GF Piping Systems is a leading supplier of piping systems made of plastics and metal. The division focuses on system solutions and high-quality components for the safe transport of water, chemicals and gases, as well as corresponding services. The product portfolio of fittings, valves, pipes, automation, and jointing technologies covers all applications of the water cycle.

**Photos from the event will be available on our [website](#) from around 4.00 p.m.**



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**Company profile**

GF comprises three divisions: GF Piping Systems, GF Casting Solutions and GF Machining Solutions. Founded in 1802, this industrial corporation is headquartered in Switzerland and present in 33 countries through 140 companies, 57 of them production facilities. Its approximately 15'027 employees generated sales of CHF 4'572 million in 2018. GF is the preferred partner of its customers for the safe transport of liquids and gases, lightweight casting components and high-precision manufacturing technologies. You can find further information at [www.georgfischer.com](http://www.georgfischer.com).

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