

SEVEST portfolio company Sauter Group acquires Kurt Kauffmann Technische Federn

Munich, Germany, September 23, 2026 - The Sauter Group, a portfolio company of funds advised by SEVEST Management GmbH ("SEVEST"), has acquired Kurt Kauffmann Technische Federn, including its entities and sites in Germany and Hungary. With this transaction, the Sauter Group is bringing together the expertise of both companies and creating a long-term foundation for the continued development of the combined business.

Leading provider of customized technical spring solutions

The Sauter Group has more than 90 years of experience in the development and production of customized technical spring solutions. It comprises Heinrich Sauter Fabrik technischer Federn GmbH, with plants in Furtwangen and Singen, and Schlenker Federn GmbH in Villingen-Schwenningen. Its product portfolio includes compression, tension and torsion springs as well as wire-formed parts.

Kurt Kauffmann Technische Federn has a history spanning more than five decades. The company was founded by Kurt Kauffmann in 1973 and operates production and development facilities in Weinstadt-Beutelsbach, Germany, and Nyúl, Hungary. Among other products, Kauffmann Federn develops and manufactures compression, tension, valve, torsion and wave springs as well as wire-formed parts.

"With Kauffmann, we are gaining a technologically leading company that complements our Group exceptionally well," says Lucas Kinkel, CEO of the Sauter Group. "Both companies stand for a high level of technical expertise and quality. At the same time, they have different technological competences, and combining these will strengthen our joint development activities. We are particularly looking forward to working with Kauffmann's highly qualified and committed employees, who, just like the employees of the Sauter Group, make a decisive contribution to the company's success."

Strategic partnership to unlock growth potential

The combination expands the companies' joint capabilities in the development and manufacture of technical springs, wire-formed parts and components for various customer industries, while strengthening their operational footprint at sites in Germany and Hungary. By combining their expertise, the companies will be able to advise and supply their existing customers even more effectively in the future. At the same time, the transaction opens up potential for entering additional markets and providing customers with even more comprehensive support. The aim is to combine the respective strengths in a meaningful way, further develop capabilities and sustainably safeguard the companies' performance.

With the acquisition of Kurt Kauffmann Technische Federn, the Sauter Group is further expanding its strong market position and now ranks among the top five spring manufacturers in Germany.

Marco Pagacz, Founding Partner of SEVEST, adds: "The acquisition of Kauffmann by the Sauter Group is another important step in the strategic development of our portfolio company. By bringing together two technologically strong companies, we are creating a broader base of expertise and products, as well as additional operational strength. We are convinced that this partnership will create substantial added value for both companies' customers and employees and will sustainably strengthen the competitive position of the Sauter Group."

"With the Sauter Group, we have found a long-term succession solution for Kauffmann," explains Werner Kauffmann, Managing Partner of Kurt Kauffmann Technische Federn GmbH & Co. KG. "It strengthens Kauffmann's position in the market. Together with the Sauter Group and SEVEST, we have a strong foundation and active support to continue the firm's growth trajectory."

About Sauter Group

The Sauter Group is a supplier to the medical technology, electrical, home appliances, and consumer goods industries. The company develops, produces, and supplies technical springs, bent-wire parts, and tool- bound stamped-bent parts made from round wires and band material, assembly parts and assemblies, as well as self-developed and manufactured machines and systems for processing, refining, and handling the manufactured products. The focus of its operations is on meeting customer requirements and developing innovative solutions that exceed customer expectations. At the three locations in Furtwangen (headquarters), Singen, and the newly opened plant in Villingen-Schwenningen in 2024, there is a total of over 10,000 m² of production, storage, and office space available.

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About SEVEST

SEVEST is a mid-market buyout fund with a focus on advanced industrial businesses in the German-speaking region. Through the entrepreneurial family background, a strong track record as mid-market investors, and an operator-led active ownership approach, SEVEST supports its portfolio companies to reach their growth potential.

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