



Opening of new Sutter headquarters in Emmendingen

## A decisive step towards the future

*More than 130 employees work together on almost 9,000 square meters of net floor space in the ultra-modern building complex to achieve the vision of the internationally active medical technology company: to offer optimal solutions for the work of doctors all over the world.*

**Emmendingen, Germany | July 1, 2022.** Even after the company's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2020, the formerly Freiburg-based company Sutter underlines its ambition to constantly develop and grow innovatively. On more than 17,000 square meters of floor space, the architecturally exceptional and energy-efficient new building in the Regelmatten industrial park in Emmendingen is a commitment to the region as well as to the idea of ecology.

'Precision Electrosurgery' is not only the established claim of the owner-managed medical technology manufacturer, but also served as the basis for an architectural building concept that was deliberately aligned with the production cycle of the precision instruments manufactured there and developed by Räther & Höfflin, a studio for architecture based in Constance, Germany. Production cycles were optimized in the spacious, light-flooded manufacturing premises, and material and information flow continuously. New machines, including several dynamic storage and retrieval systems to improve picking accuracy and shorten order processing, have gone into service at the new location. As before, the focus is on the development and production of premium devices for ENT, microsurgery and neurosurgery, as well as complex instruments, most of which are manufactured with great sensitivity under the microscope.

Due to the use of more than 1,400 square meters of glass, transparency prevails in production and administration, and visual axes throughout the building create meeting places. The connection to nature with a view of the Teninger Allmend is created by

panorama windows, and two bee colonies will live in the company's own employee garden in the future. The building, which was planned in accordance with the KfW 55 standard under ecological sustainability aspects, will be operated almost completely CO2-neutral with a combination of green electricity and the company's own solar power.

Accents in corporate design colors and an individual design are reflected throughout the building complex, for example in the lighting design of the extensive stairwells: The shape of the environmentally friendly LED lights was derived from the Sutter logo, representing forceps. In the Sutter administration, too, the working environment promotes innovation and, in doing so, implements the wishes of the employees, because they were already an active part of the design process in advance: acoustically optimized, dynamically changeable as well as ergonomically adjustable working environments turn 'passive consumers' of the working environment into agile actors who adapt their workplace to tasks and needs. Well thought-out spatial concepts support the various forms of collaboration. The focus is on exchange; spatial structures act as catalysts to activate people. Concentrated individual work is equally possible as interactive group formats in the co-working spaces. Social areas and relaxation zones also make a valuable contribution here: alternating between sitting, standing and moving is positive for the body, on the other hand informal exchange and conscious break culture are important for health and well-being. The people who contribute to the success of the Sutter brand on a daily basis, with all their skills, experience, ideals and ideas, should be won over to the company on a permanent basis.

In order to realize all this, Sutter invested more than 20 million euros. In terms of employee numbers, the new company headquarters offer room for healthy, continuous growth, while the 17,000-square-meter site also allows for modular expansion of the building in the future. The opening ceremony was attended by prominent figures from politics, business and society, business partners and employees. Speakers included Prof. Dr. Jürgen Beck, Medical Director of the Clinic for Neurosurgery at the Neurocentre of Freiburg University Hospital, the Mayor of Emmendingen, Stefan Schlatterer, and Dr. Christoph Münzer, Managing Director of the Baden Association of Industrial Companies. For company owner Bert Sutter, the attraction of entrepreneurship lies in the long-term opportunities for shaping a company: "Values such as precision, premium quality, like customer orientation and sustainability have always accompanied Sutter since my father founded the company. They have become part of our DNA and will continue to give us orientation in the future.

For me, the new company building is a place that brings people closer together and enables us to work even better together – and it clearly reflects the high regard we have for our employees."

Facts and figures about the building:

- 17,000 m<sup>2</sup> site area
- 8,700 m<sup>2</sup> building net floor space
- 1,450 m<sup>2</sup> green roof areas
- 44,000 m<sup>3</sup> gross volume
- KfW 55 energy standard
- Approx. 1,200 m<sup>2</sup> photovoltaic system with 400 modules and 147 kWp output
- 5.3 km of piping
- 3,100 m ventilation ducts
- 27,428 km of data cables
- 32,520 km electrical cables
- 1,029 data ports
- 7 data distributors
- 6,000 m<sup>3</sup> of concrete
- 1,200 tons of steel
- 1,400 m<sup>2</sup> glass

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**About the company:**

Founded in 1970 by Hermann Sutter, Sutter Medizintechnik is a market leader in radiofrequency systems and non-stick bipolar forceps for precision electrosurgery. With over 35 active patents as well as its global network of international distributors and subsidiaries in the USA and Asia, Sutter contributes to the improvement and preservation of lives around the world. Precision, innovation and quality 'made in Germany' are practiced values for which the company stands and which find a completely new environment in the new company building in Emmendingen.

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