

Press release

Arkad Acquires Ahlers to Form multimac, a Group Specialized in Machinery and Service for the Food Sector

- Ahlers is an innovative manufacturer of special machinery and production equipment for the food industry
- Focuses on stainless-steel solutions tailored to customer needs, alongside a comprehensive service and spare parts business
- Together with Grönneweg, acquired by Arkad in 2023, Ahlers forms the foundation of Arkad's new platform multimac
- In addition to organic growth, Arkad aims to accelerate the group's strategic goals through additional acquisitions

Berlin/Versmold, July 23, 2025 – Arkad Partners GmbH (“Arkad”) continues its strategic growth path with the acquisition of Ahlers Edelstahltechnik GmbH (“Ahlers”), a well-established manufacturer and service provider of special machinery and production equipment for the food industry. This acquisition strengthens Arkad's position in food processing technology and expands its presence in a growing market segment.

Founded in 1995 by Stephan and Leonie Ahlers, the company has developed into a trusted partner for leading national and international food producers. With around 60 employees, Ahlers expects to achieve profitable revenue in the upper single-digit million-euro range in fiscal year 2025. The company's portfolio effectively enhances that of Grönneweg Maschinenbau GmbH (“Grönneweg”), particularly by enabling access to new regional markets and broadening its market reach.

The Ahlers family will remain involved in the company and continue to help shape its strategic development. “With Ahlers, we obtained an innovative company with a strong market position and deep technological expertise. Together with Grönneweg, we are creating a group capable of offering an even broader range of services along the value chain. The two companies are well-aligned, with strong synergies across their customer bases, technical expertise, and service offerings” explains David van Riesen, Managing Director at Arkad.

A central pillar of the growth strategy is the preservation and expansion of long-standing customer relationships. Existing projects provide a solid foundation and ensure a high degree of planning reliability. At the same time, Ahlers' service operations will be further developed to meet growing demands in availability, maintenance, and technical support.

As part of the transaction, Grönneweg Holding GmbH has been renamed multimac Lebensmitteltechnik GmbH (“multimac”), which will serve as a platform for further acquisitions in food processing technology. The operating subsidiaries Grönneweg and Ahlers will continue to operate under their well-established names and maintain their independence within the group. The merger of the two operational entities results in one of the largest companies of its kind in Germany, with over 140 employees.

Tobias R. Wiese, also Managing Director at Arkad, adds: “multimac forms the core of our long-term buy-and-build strategy. We are already in advanced discussions with other market participants and see significant potential for further acquisitions. We aim to build a scalable group that sets new standards as a leading partner to the food industry.”



Arkad was advised by Denis Bacina of LPA. The sellers were advised on the M&A process, legal, and tax matters by Dr. Roland Tomik, Stephan Strothenke, and Thomas Sifft (Tomik + Partner) as well as Dr. Franz Tepper (BRANDI). The parties have agreed not to disclose the financial details of the transaction.

About Arkad

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