



Beat Gehrig  
CEO First Catering Group

## Beat Gehrig to be the new CEO at the First Catering Group

Bassersdorf – on the 1st of July 2008 Beat Gehrig will become the new CEO at the First Catering Group with facilities in Bassersdorf, Ghana, Nigeria, Zambia and South Africa. He replaces the company founder and co-owner Markus Oberholzer in this position. Markus Oberholzer continues as chairman of the board.

Beat Gehrig has many years experience and held many key positions in the airline catering business : he was the CEO of the Swiss Egyptian Restaurant & Catering Company in Cairo and the CEO of Iber-Swiss, Madrid (Iberia/Swissair). In addition he was the General Manager of Swissair Catering, Managing Director of Gate Gourmet Switzerland and on the supervisory board at Airest, Vienna.

Beat Gehrig is looking forward to the new challenge at First Catering Group: "The First Catering Group is a very dynamic, global company with highly motivated employees with a lean structure, making it very competitive and nimble."

The First Catering Group currently employees 1700 people worldwide. Social competence and commitment comprises a key added-value for the company. At the headquarters in Bassersdorf, work for 40 handicapped people as cutlery packers has been created and assimilated into the regular operations of the company. Their work is entirely satisfactory, also from an economic perspective and they professionally looked after by Notz Production.

First Catering Group clients include some of the most famous national and international airlines, including Edelweiss Air, Belair/Air Berlin, Hello, Helvetic Airways, Delta Airlines, LTU, British Airways, North American Airlines, Emirates, Kenia Airways, KLM, Lufthansa, Virgin Atlantic Air, Air France, El Al and Malaysia Airlines.

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