



PRESS RELEASE

Udo Potthast Takes Up His Work

New CFO joins HanseYachts AG today

Greifswald, 17 April 2008 - Today Udo Potthast will be taking over his position as the new member of the Management Board at HanseYachts AG in Greifswald. He will be responsible for Accounting, Finance, Purchasing and Corporate Controlling. HanseYachts, one of the fastest growing yacht shipyards in Europe, will have a three-member Management Board when Udo Potthast assumes his office. Michael Schmidt, founder and CEO of HanseYachts AG, will head Strategic Development, Sales and Marketing, while Gregor Bredenbeck will be in charge of Production.

Udo Potthast knows HaseYachts well from his comprehensive consulting activities in conjunction with preparing and implementing the IPO. He has also contributed significantly to integrating the new brands and to realising additional acquisition projects. Potthast formerly served as managing partner at a prominent Hamburg auditing firm and both as an auditor as well as a tax consultant.

Potthast was born in 1965; he studied Business Administration in Göttingen. He is married and has had a passion for sailing since his early teens. He has extensive experience in restoring and building sailing yachts.

"I am looking forward to my new responsibilities and to working with a marvellous team. For me this is a dream job, as my passion is not only for business administration, but also for sailing," said Potthast.