



Epta completes the acquisition of Hauser, creating a Group with over €2 billion in revenues*

The Group reinforces its role as European leader in commercial refrigeration

Milan (Italy), Linz (Austria), 17th February 2026 – Following the press release issued on 17th July 2025, Epta S.p.A. ("Epta"), a global leader in commercial refrigeration, announces the **closing of the acquisition of Hauser GmbH** ("Hauser"), a renowned Austrian company with a strong presence in the DACH region and in the markets of Central and Eastern Europe, with an effective date scheduled for March 1st.

With the closing, **Hauser officially becomes part of Epta Group**, further strengthening its industrial and geographical presence across Europe. With the completion of the **transaction, the combined Group now exceeds €2 billion in pro-forma annual consolidated revenues and reaches around 10,000 employees**, reinforcing its position as European leader and a key global player in commercial refrigeration.

The Hauser brand will enrich Epta Group's portfolio of strong and well-established products and services brands, complementing the value proposition with strong expertise in turnkey projects and value added services. The acquisition also brings geographic synergies in the DACH region and Central and South-Eastern Europe, supported by Hauser's production plants in Austria and the Czech Republic.

The transaction enhances Epta Group's position as an integrated solution provider, strengthening its ability to deliver complete, tailor-made solutions across the entire store life cycle, from design and production to installation and after-sales services.

Marco Nocivelli, CEO of Epta, stated:

"This operation marks a key milestone in Epta's long-term strategy. Surpassing the €2 billion revenue threshold is a significant achievement that reflects the strength of our industrial model and further reinforces our leadership in Europe. By combining competencies, technologies and scale, we significantly enhance our ability to drive sustainable and digital innovation. The acquisition of Hauser further strengthens our offering along the full value chain and consolidates our leadership in natural



refrigeration and energy-efficient solutions. Sustainability, innovation and digitalization are the foundations of our development, guided by a service-centric approach and fully aligned with our Purpose: **Preserving our planet with conscious innovation. Together.**"

Thomas Loibl, CEO of Hauser, added:

"Joining Epta marks a pivotal moment for our company. With a global partner that shares our core values, Hauser is well positioned to further consolidate its footprint while continuing to deliver long-term value to customers. This step strengthens our stability and creates new opportunities for sustainable growth and international expansion in an ever-evolving market—building on a shared commitment to innovation, quality, and customer focus."

Epta was assisted in the transaction by Bain & Company for business and operational due diligence, by PwC for financial and tax matters and by Clifford Chance as legal advisors. Hauser was advised by PwC for financial/tax and legal matters.

**in pro-forma consolidated annual revenues*

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EPTA – A multinational group specialising in commercial refrigeration, it operates worldwide through its brands **Costan** (1946), **Bonnet Névé** (1930), **Eurocryor** (1991), **Iarp** (1983), **Kysor Warren** (1882) and **Hauser** (1946). Epta positions itself on the domestic and international markets as a partner capable of producing and marketing complete refrigeration systems, thanks to the integration of specific product lines such as: traditional positive vertical and semi-vertical, vertical and negative horizontal refrigeration counters, incorporated unit counters (Plug-in) for the Retail, Food & Beverage and Ho.re.ca sectors, medium and large power units and a complete portfolio of pre- and after-sales services. Headquartered in Milan, it has over 8,000 employees, several production sites in Italy and abroad, and a capillary technical and commercial presence all over the world, guaranteed by more than 40 technical-commercial branches.

About HAUSER

HAUSER is a successful European full-service provider of refrigeration equipment and technology for the food retail sector and for industry. Founded in 1946 as a service and installation company for refrigeration systems in Linz-Urfahr/Austria, the company has grown significantly since then. Today, HAUSER uses state-of-the-art processes to manufacture products at two production sites in Austria and the Czech Republic. Its product portfolio includes a wide range of refrigerated cabinets, such as multideck chillers, freezer units, service counters, centralized and decentralized refrigeration systems and their controls, cold rooms and cold storage facilities, as well as a broad array of services including 24-hour service, remote data monitoring and energy optimization. In the 2024/25 financial year, HAUSER generated sales of around 410 million euros with 1,500 employees.

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