

Chris Stockton Named CEO of NORDEON GROUP BV



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NORDEON GROUP is pleased to announce the appointment of Chris Stockton as CEO of Nordeon Group BV global operations effective immediately. In his position, Stockton will oversee leadership of internationally known brands Griven, Hess, Lamp Lighting, Nordeon, Schmitz-Wila, Vulkan, and Wila (UK). He succeeds Ralf Knorrenschild, who will assume a leadership role as Managing Director of Nordeon GmbH. “Ralf’s experience and proven track record of driving growth and profitability make him a crucial leader for the flagship brand, Nordeon”, says Stockton.

Chris Stockton brings a wealth of lighting industry experience to the organization. He was previously the Vice President of Sales with Hubbell Lighting. Prior to that, he has held numerous management positions at GE and Grainger. Jennifer Wick, Board Member of the Nordeon Group and Cofounder/Managing Partner for Sustainable Growth Management, commented, “The Board selected Chris because he is extremely results-driven and moves at the speed necessary to lead us through this dynamic global lighting market. He has demonstrated consistently his ability to grow sales and brand value through a strong commitment to customer focus.” Chris has a B.A. in Business Administration from Belmont Abbey College and an MBA from Keller Graduate School of Management.

Stockton remarked, “I am excited to have the opportunity to lead such a vitalizing organization made up of brands with such a rich legacy. Focus on innovation, creativity, and accountability will ensure we grow the Nordeon Group now and into the future.”

ABOUT THE NORDEON GROUP

The Nordeon Group is one of the leading lighting companies in the world. The company is comprised of medium-sized agile production and innovation facilities that work very closely with its specific markets. The goal of the group is to combine the experience, capacity, and capabilities of the individual businesses to achieve maximum service and performance to the customer. The Nordeon Group has a comprehensive portfolio of leading lighting companies to meet the needs of the market. The brands and companies under the umbrella of the Nordeon Group benefit from a worldwide distribution network, extensive production facilities, and shared infrastructure.

For outdoor lighting:

Griven (Italy) - outdoor architectural dynamic lighting solutions

Hess (Germany) - premium design-driven outdoor luminaires and site furnishings

Vulkan (Germany) - functional outdoor luminaires

For indoor lighting:

SCHMITZ | WILA and **WILA UK** (Germany and Great Britain) - premium brand for architectural lighting and high-quality lighting solutions for interior spaces.

Nordeon (Germany) - specialist in sustainable lighting solutions in industry, retail, and logistics.

Lamp (Spain) - an extensive product range of architectural interior and exterior luminaires.

Hess, Griven, and Nordeon are strongly represented in the North American market due to the Nordeon Group's facilities in Gaffney, South Carolina. This is complemented by proprietary sales offices of the Lamp brand in Latin America. In the Middle East, the Nordeon Group has also strengthened its market position significantly by establishing its own sales office.

