

Press release  
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## **Thorsten Muck Appointed Managing Director of Thonet GmbH effective 1 October, 2013**

**Thorsten Muck (46), who has been Managing Director of Erco Leuchten GmbH since 2007, will take over the position of Managing Director of Thonet GmbH, effective 1 October, 2013. Muck has been a member of the company's advisory council since January. For three months, Muck will have Peter Thonet by his side as co-managing director. Peter Thonet will withdraw from playing an active management role on 1 January, 2014 but will be available for Thonet GmbH in various functions such as brand ambassador.**

Thorsten Muck describes the most important goals for Thonet as follows: "I want to systematically expand the potential of the Thonet brand. After Thonet GmbH was able to recently increase its capital due to the investment in the holding AFINUM, we will especially invest in the expansion of our global distribution but also in new products and the care for our classics. The clear focus will be on strengthening the brand. I look forward to the challenge of helping Thonet once again gain more charisma on the international stage with its many dedicated employees and great products." Peter Thonet adds: "We are delighted to have found an energetic and highly committed managing director in Thorsten Muck, who brings a great deal of experience from his management positions in design-oriented and brand-conscious medium-sized companies. After several effortful years during which our company has been restructured, we now look toward the future with plenty of optimism."

Before Thorsten Muck joined Erco in 2007, the graduate economist worked at Trilux from 2004-2007. After completing his studies at the Ruhr Universität in Bochum in 1994, Muck first worked in various marketing and sales positions at Grohe for 10 years. Thorsten Muck is married and has two children.

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