



# Press Release

## 8TREE STRENGTHENS LEADERSHIP TEAM WITH THE ADDITION OF PIA BÖTTCHER AND LEONARD BUCK AS MANAGING DIRECTORS OF 8TREE'S GERMANY OPERATIONS

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8tree's cofounding owners, Erik Klaas and Arun Chhabra, have appointed Pia Böttcher and Leonard Buck as Managing Directors of 8tree Germany, further expanding its leadership team to support the company's long-term growth trajectory and customer success in Europe.

Pia Böttcher will continue to lead 8tree's operational excellence as COO. "I am thankful for the continued trust and looking forward to contributing to further growth," said Pia Böttcher, COO and Managing Director of 8tree Germany.

Leonard Buck will oversee 8tree's commercial strategy, and customer engagement, to advance the company's mission of delivering fast, intuitive, and precise 3D surface inspection solutions.



Pia Böttcher (left) and Leonard Buck (right), appointed Managing Directors of 8tree Germany, strengthening the company's leadership to support long-term growth and customer success in Europe.



**Leonard Buck,  
Managing Director of  
8tree Germany**

I am excited to contribute to 8tree's growth trajectory in this new role during such a dynamic time. 8tree's innovative approach to 3D measurement transforms how operators achieve quality and efficiency. I look forward to building on this momentum and driving global customer success.

"Our appointment of Pia and Leo underscores 8tree's commitment to strengthening support and enhancing value for its growing customer base in the aerospace, MRO, and wind-turbine blade manufacturing industries", said Erik Klaas and Arun Chhabra, who will continue to serve as 8tree's CTO and CEO, respectively.

The expansion of 8tree's management team reflects the company's continued investment in global leadership and its focus on enabling customers to achieve faster, more reliable inspections through easy-to-use, augmented-reality-based measurement tools.

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