

The KURZ Story



LEONHARD KURZ began in 1899 in Fürth, Bavaria, as a gold leaf workshop and grew into Europe's largest gold leaf manufacturer by 1914 through expansion and acquisitions. In 1919, the company helped modernize the craft by introducing a patent for the first gold embossing foil on a paper carrier, replacing labor intensive hand application and enabling efficient decoration of products such as book covers and consumer items.

Konrad Kurz later advanced production further with vacuum evaporation technology, coating real gold uniformly onto carrier rolls at dramatically higher speed and with less material use.

After World War II, Dr. Herbert Kurz led the company through major industrial scaling, including a new modern facility opened in 1960 and a strong international expansion via global sales offices and early overseas production sites.

By the 1970s, the 4th generation joined management, new sites were added including Sulzbach Rosenberg, and KURZ broadened its portfolio through acquisitions and new production locations in Asia.

Today, KURZ is a global leader in thin film technology with more than 50 branches and subsidiaries, around 5,800 employees, and solutions used across graphics, cosmetics, automotive, and premium consumer goods.

Its mission is to make every product unique by delivering solutions that improve aesthetics, performance, and security, combining a family driven culture with global reach, continuous innovation, and uncompromising quality and reliability.



Company premises in Fuerth, Germany.



Company premises in Sulzbach Rosenberg, Germany.

The KURZ Group

BAIER

BAIER is the expert for innovative hot stamping systems within the KURZ Group. The machine builder develops and builds tailor-made special machines for individual applications in the plastics and graphics segment. BAIER offers manufacturers solutions from a single source that are uncompromisingly tailored to their individual needs.



BURG DESIGN

BURG DESIGN is a highly creative company with a strong focus on design and is a Tier 1 OEM for the automotive industry. The company produces interior and exterior components of innovative vehicle concepts for revolutionary design using various production processes and special design variants.



CANYON

CANYON is an international leader in the field of In-Mold Decoration (IMD). The company offers its expertise in printing, thermoforming, 3D trimming, 2D precision cutting, lamination, and injection molding to customers worldwide.



H+M

Hinderer + Mühlich is the expert for embossing stamps within the KURZ Group. With high-precision embossing tools, H+M offers tailor-made solutions for efficiently refining packaging and products in the graphics industry as well as plastic parts, even with the highest design and functional requirements, and turning products into masterpieces.



ISIMAT

The special machine builder ISIMAT develops and manufactures high-performance printing machines for packaging printing. The tailor-made solutions for excellent and unique finishing of tubes, glasses, and plastic items stand for print quality, reliability, and maximum productivity.



KURZ DIGITAL

As a strategic partner, KURZ Digital Solutions is helping to shape the digital transformation within the KURZ Group worldwide. As an application specialist, KURZ Digital Solutions offers tailor-made digitalization concepts. The KURZ subsidiary develops and programs digital applications and services for simplified processes and better user experiences.



MPRINT

As an international innovation leader, MPRINT is the expert in digital inkjet printing within the KURZ Group. The plant and machine manufacturer is revolutionizing digital printing both in the graphics industry and in industrial direct printing and makes it available to all users as an equal partner. In doing so, MPRINT inspires its customers with pioneering technology, process reliability, and flexibility



OVD KINEGRAM

With its KINEGRAM® technology, OVD KINEGRAM is one of the world's leading providers of security solutions for the protection of government documents and banknotes and the technological competence center in the field of high-security applications within the KURZ Group. More than 140 countries today rely on KINEGRAM® technology to protect their most important government documents and banknotes.



POLY IC

POLY IC enables manufacturers to excel in the efficient production of automated functional parts with PolyTC®, a printed touch interface technology. PolyTC® touch sensors are transparent, conductive, and highly flexible metal mesh touch sensors that can be individually adapted. They offer added functionality, design freedom, and individuality in product design, e.g., in the implementation of innovative HMI concepts.



SCHÖFER

In addition to complex tools, the injection molding company SCHÖFER also manufactures plastic parts that meet the highest demands in terms of precision, appearance, and function. With enormous innovative power and creativity, SCHÖFER finds individual solutions for the most complex applications, and offers customers unlimited design freedom when it comes to product design. The company's service portfolio ranges from engineering and tool making to the production of individual components.



KURZ SCRIBOS

SCRIBOS develops and manufactures innovative and secure product labels that can be combined with state-of-the-art digital tools. These effective brand protection solutions enable brand owners around the world to fight counterfeiting, gray market trading, and unauthorized overproduction. They also open up opportunities for customer interaction, follow-up, and market analysis.



STEINEMANN DPE

Steinemann DPE, a KURZ company, develops and builds industrial high-end digital printing finishing machines for the graphic industry in the roll and sheet segment. As one of the leading international manufacturers, STEINEMANN DPE became part of the KURZ Group in 2019. Together with LEONHARD KURZ, STEINEMANN DPE offers its customers impressive digital finishing options thanks to perfectly coordinated system solutions consisting of machines, consumables, service, and software.

