

Press Release

Freudenberg Home and Cleaning Solutions completes takeover offer of Nilfisk

Freudenberg Home and Cleaning Solutions (FHCS) has successfully completed its voluntary public takeover of Nilfisk and has become majority shareholder with more than 90 % of the share capital and the associated voting rights in Nilfisk. FHCS intends now to initiate and complete a compulsory acquisition of the shares held by the remaining Nilfisk shareholders and to delist Nilfisk. With this acquisition, FHCS brings together two strong and highly complementary players in professional cleaning.

Weinheim, 04/15/26 – Freudenberg Home and Cleaning Solutions (FHCS) announces the successful completion of its voluntary public takeover offer of Nilfisk.

The acquisition marks a significant step in the global professional cleaning industry. With the acquisition of Nilfisk, FHCS brings together two very strong and highly complementary players in professional cleaning. While FHCS is a global player in innovative manual cleaning systems, Nilfisk is a globally recognized technology leader in professional cleaning machines. Together, the companies span two core segments of the professional cleaning market.

“With the acquisition of Nilfisk, we are strengthening our position across both innovative manual systems and professional cleaning machines, creating a uniquely positioned provider to support our customers with more comprehensive solutions. The intention is to build on the respective strengths of each business”, said Karin Overbeck, CEO of FHCS.

Stable market with evolving customer needs

The professional cleaning market is stable and resilient. To succeed in this market, a strong focus on customer needs is essential. Technology-driven machines, digital solutions, and innovative manual cleaning products are expected to play an increasingly important role in the future. The acquisition of Nilfisk strengthens FHCS’s position to support customers with the right solutions.

Ensuring continuity for customers and partners is currently our key priority. FHCS will connect sales capabilities and customer reach across both businesses to create opportunities for additional growth.

Becoming part of the Freudenberg Group

Following the completion of the compulsory acquisition of remaining shares, Nilfisk will become part of FHCS and thereby part of the Freudenberg Group, a global family-owned technology company.

About Freudenberg Home and Cleaning Solutions

Freudenberg Home and Cleaning Solutions is a leading global supplier of branded cleaning systems as well as household and laundry care products whose advanced solutions make the lives of millions of consumers around the world easier. The portfolio includes brands like Vileda®, Vileda Professional®, O-Cedar®, Oates®, Gimi®, Gala®, Wettex®, Vermop® and Marigold®. With a leading market position in almost all of the countries in which it operates, the company generated sales of more than €1.3 Billion and employed more than 3.800 people in 2025. New, effective products and distribution channels, technical innovations and a strong customer focus have been the company's key success factors for many years. They are supported by extensive market and customer research on an international basis, innovation centres and production plants around the world and a distribution network in more than 35 countries.

About Nilfisk

Nilfisk was founded in 1906 by the Danish engineer P.A. Fisker. Today, the company is a world-leading global provider of professional cleaning equipment and services. More than 90% of sales are to professionals while the remaining part of the business aimed at consumers covers floorcare equipment, vacuum cleaners, and high-pressure washers. Nilfisk's products and services are sold in more than 100 countries and produced at 5 manufacturing sites across the globe. The main production facilities are in the US, Mexico, Hungary, Italy, and China. A total of approximately 4,500 employees secured revenue of 996.3 mEUR in 2025. The largest single market is the US covering 24% of revenue in 2025, followed by Germany (15%), France (11%), Denmark (7%), and the UK (5%).

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