PRESS RELEASE

**The smart world of ekey**

**ekey was founded in 2002 and is now Europe’s No. 1 for fingerprint scanner access solutions. Keys, cards, and codes can be lost, forgotten, or stolen – your finger is always on hand!**

For more than 20 years, ekey has been developing access solutions for private households, companies, and organizations. What originally began as a research project is today one of the leading providers of biometric access control: the Austrian family-owned company is now the European market leader for fingerprint scanner access solutions. ekey currently has more than 100 employees at its six locations in Austria, Germany, Liechtenstein/Switzerland, Italy, and Slovenia. The head office and the production facilities including research and development are located in Linz (Austria). It is from this site where the products are exported to more than 70 countries worldwide, bringing the company’s export share up to 80%. In addition to the European Union, other important sales markets include the United States, India, and China.

**Pioneer for biometrics in everyday life**

Bringing the benefits of person-specific matching to as many people as possible is deeply rooted in the company’s DNA. Because at ekey, the potential of biometric authentication as a simple, convenient and secure alternative to keys, codes, and other aids in access authorization was recognized early on. Both private individuals as well as leading companies, along with organizations such as fire and rescue services, have been relying on ekey’s access solutions for years. Fingerprint scanner access control systems are no longer only used in highly sensitive areas, but have become an integral part of smart living and working.

**Specialist in fingerprint scanners**

The hallmark of ekey’s technology is its patented algorithm for finger recognition, which meets the highest standards of convenience, security, and data protection. Another strength lies in the consistent competence, which at ekey is the name of the game – from the idea to the finished product. The company has been a pioneer in access control for many years: with the core product fingerprint scanner as the most convenient and secure way to unlock as well as additional technologies such as code pads or RFID-based media. ekey is constantly working on further developments, with the focus clearly being on the ekey fingerprint scanner as the gateway to the smart home.

**Exceptionally high quality standards**

All ekey products undergo a rigorous endurance test before they reach the market: intensive simulations in scorching heat and freezing cold, not to mention high humidity. Each fingerprint scanner and all its components must successfully complete these tests countless times before a customer can ever come near the product. “Our formula for quality consists of the highest standards of functionality, reliability, and security, which are refined through extensive testing,” says Dr. Leopold Gallner, ekey’s owner. In addition to the check for environmental and temperature resistance, all products are vibration and shock tested, as well as examined for the ingress of water and mechanical parts. The quality management is ISO certified and the ekey products have the CE marking and are 100% “Made in Austria”.

**Fit for the future**

ekey is constantly focusing on further development. In 2020, company owner Leopold Gallner brings his two children Raphaela Gallner and Michael Gallner-Holzmann into the company. Both have experience from their previous activities, which they now bring to ekey. “For me, ekey is a company with great employees and enormous potential that we are now developing together,” says Michael Gallner-Holzmann. “Together, we will open up new markets and further increase international awareness of the ekey brand,” adds Raphaela Gallner. On the occasion of the company’s 20th anniversary in 2022, ekey is also drawing attention to itself with its new generations of products: with ekey dLine, ekey xLine and ekey sLine, a new age of building access is starting. Thanks to smart features, the intelligent use of a building begins when one comes home.