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EDITORIAL

Big honour for iku®windows founder KRJulius Thurnher !

The President of the Republic of Austria Dr. Heinz Fischer conferred one of the highest distinctions in economic business – the title “**Kommerzialrat (KR)**” – to my father Julius during an official Austrian Head of State Visit to Saudi Arabia and the United Arabian Emirates in the past April. I am very proud of him and I know that he deserves this honour more than anyone else. For him as an entrepreneur, who has been doing business all his life, also in the Arab World, the place of honour couldn't have been better. In Austria this title is bestowed upon persons, who show an exceptional performance during their working life, as he did: Not born with a silver spoon in his mouth he evolved from modest circumstances to the brain of the world wide acting company iku®windows. He started his career as Managing Director of the international Hoesch Group. By management-buy-out he established the company ALCO, now the market leader in Austria for winter gardens. When most people are thinking about retirement he founded iku®windows. Not to forget his numerous inventions and his still very creative genius (everybody who knows him will agree). I wish him – and I am sure we all do – enough time to succeed and to fulfil his visions.

Congratulations father! Monika Thurnher, CEO



Monika Thurnher
iku®windows

OFFICIAL HONOUR

Business Cocktail, Abu Dhabi, U.A.E - April 06

Julius Thurnher was honoured during the official invitation of The Austrian Federal Economic Chamber for local business people in Abu Dhabi. Under the attendance of more than 300 guests Dr. Christoph Leitl, who held the laudation, underlined the proudness of Austria for it's export orientated companies. “iku®windows with it's products the intelligent windows and façades is one of them”, Dr. Leitl said and asked Julius Thurnher to come to the stage. It was a huge surprise for him, as the honour was completely unexpected for him. His daughter Monika had been working hard to keep the event a secret.

For the first time in Austrian history the conferment of the title “Kommerzialrat” happened outside of Austria. Heartily applause was heard from those attending the occasion: Two ministers of the Austrian Government, some representatives of prominent Austrian companies and international media. Julius Thurnher couldn't hide his emotions and everybody could see, that this evening was one of the happiest in his business life.



The **President of the Republic of Austria Dr. Heinz Fischer** (m.) delivers the treasured diploma to Julius Thurnher from iku®windows with the attendance of the **President of the Austrian Federal Economic Chamber Dr. Christoph Leitl** (r.)