

Kurtz Ersa enters the semiconductor industry

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The Kreuzwertheim-based mechanical engineering group Kurtz Ersa has taken over the business operations of the insolvent equipment manufacturer ATV Technologie GmbH, based in Vaterstetten near Munich, as of September 1, 2025. For Kurtz Ersa, this is the strategic step into the market for production systems for the semiconductor industry that has been announced for some time. All ATV employees will be taken over.

With around 50 employees, ATV develops, produces and supplies high-temperature vacuum reflow soldering machines for the chip industry, which are required for the process step of contacting the wafer with external connecting wires. Kurtz Ersa is thus moving upstream in the electronics production value chain.

Thanks to Kurtz Ersa's global sales, service and production network, new doors are opening for ATV's technology and its employees. The aim of the new product segment – as with all segments at Kurtz Ersa – is to assume a leading role in the relevant market. To this end, the product range is to be modularized, expanded and marketed globally. A first appearance under the new Kurtz Ersa flag is planned at Productronica in Munich, the leading global trade fair for electronics production, in November 2025.

“We are very pleased to have found a strategic investor in Kurtz Ersa who will continue and develop our business, which has been in existence for over 50 years. We are particularly pleased that all employees will be taken on,” says Alexander Tschernev, former Managing Director and shareholder of ATV Technologie GmbH.

Thomas Mühleck, CEO of the Kurtz Ersa Group, sees ATV's expertise as “the perfect entry into the semiconductor industry, which we have had on our strategic roadmap for some time. The high level of technological knowledge of the employees fits perfectly with our claim to be the No.1 for sustainable production solutions in our markets.”

Dr. Michael Fischer, who as CEO EPE is responsible for the “Electronics Production Equipment” business unit at Kurtz Ersa, sees ATV technology as “the perfect nucleus for our entry into the semiconductor world. The high level of technological expertise offers us the opportunity to generate significant growth with our global Kurtz Ersa network. There is also potential for synergies with the automation expertise for upstream and downstream processes related to semiconductor production already available within the Group. I am very much looking forward to the next steps and I am sure that ATV's technology will be an integral part of Kurtz Ersa in the future.”

Kurtz Ersä is a globally active, family-owned mechanical engineering company. With development, production, sales and service locations in Germany, China, USA, Mexico, Singapore, India, France and Romania, 1,600 employees generate a turnover of around 300 million Euro with sustainable production systems and automation for various branches of industry, where they play a leading market role.

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Caption: Thomas Mühleck, CEO Kurtz Ersä Group, shaking hands with Alexander Tschernev, former Managing Director and shareholder of ATV Technologie GmbH



Caption: Group photo of the parties involved after signing the takeover agreement