

## About Georg Fischer

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Georg Fischer is a leading industrial group that focuses on its three core businesses GF Piping Systems, GF Automotive and GF AgieCharmilles. Founded in 1802 and headquartered in Schaffhausen, Switzerland, the Corporation generates annual sales of CHF 4,5 billion and employs some 14,000 people worldwide.

### Adding Quality to People's Lives

People all over the world expect Georg Fischer to make a significant contribution to meeting their needs now and in the future. Comfort, mobility and precision are the key market requirements that Georg Fischer satisfies with its products and services.

### Growth strategy

- Grow organically
- Strengthen non-cyclical businesses
- Expansion of GF Piping Systems
- Reduce portfolio imbalances (size, geography, industries)
- Grow through innovation
- Supplement organic growth by well-selected acquisitions
- Accelerate expansion in Asia, America and Eastern Europe
- Exploit joint assets (Finance, Human Resources/-management, technology, brand/reputation, sustainability)

### Presence

Georg Fischer is a globally active corporation with 81 companies in Europe, 38 in Asia and the Middle East, 15 in America and 3 companies in Australia.

<b>Financial figures</b>	<b>2008 (31 December)</b>
Sales (CHF million)	<b>4,462</b>
Operating profit (CHF million)	<b>134</b>
EBIT margin (Return on Sales) %	<b>3,0</b>
Net profit for the year (CHF million)	<b>69</b>
Free cash flow (CHF million)	<b>-197</b>
Earnings per registered share (CHF)	<b>14</b>
Profit distribution per share (proposed) (in 2006/2007 in form of a par value reduction) (CHF)	<b>5</b>
Equity (CHF million)	<b>1,404</b>
Return on Equity %	<b>5</b>
No. of employees	<b>14,326</b>
Accounting standard	<b>IFRS</b>

### Shareholder structure

As at 31 December 2008, 80 percent of the registered shares were held by Swiss nationals (35 percent by private individuals and 45 percent by legal entities). The remaining 20 percent of the registered shares are held by foreigners (2 percent by private individuals and 18 percent by legal entities). As at year-end 2008 one shareholder owned more than five percent of the shares. According to the notification of 27 November 2008 from Giorgio Behr and BDS Beteiligungsgesellschaft, 8454 Buchberg, he owned 5,15% of the total number of outstanding shares. In addition, he has written put options on 1,22% of the total number of outstanding shares.

### Board of Directors

Martin Huber (CH), Chairman of the Board  
Bruno Hug (CH), Vice Chairman  
Roman Boutellier (CH)  
Gerold Bühler (CH)  
Flavio Cotti (CH)  
Ulrich Graf (CH)  
Gertrud Höhler (D)  
Rudolf Huber (CH)  
Kurt E. Stirnemann (CH)  
Zhigiang Zhang (CN)

### Executive Committee

Yves Serra, President and CEO  
Roland Abt, Head of Finance and Controlling  
Josef Edbauer, President of GF Automotive  
Michael Hauser, President of GF AgieCharmilles  
Jürg Krebsler, Delegate of the CEO for Corporate Projects  
Pietro Lori, President of GF Piping Systems  
Ernst Willi, Head of Corporate Development

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