

Katsuhiko Kurimoto is the new Managing Director of Brema Group

Brema Group is pleased to announce the appointment of **Katsuhiko Kurimoto** as **Managing Director**. On 17 May 2023, the Board of Directors of Brema Group appointed Katsuhiko Kurimoto as Managing Director with immediate effect.

After joining Hoshizaki Corporation Ltd. in 2017, Mr. Kurimoto successively served as Director of Overseas Business Division. In March 2019, he was appointed Member of the Board of Directors, and in April appointed of Chairman of Hoshizaki U.S.A. Holding and China Holding. As Board of Directors for Hoshizaki Europe BV, in March 2020, he was appointed Member of the Board of Directors and Managing Executive Officer of Hoshizaki Corporation Ltd.

Since joining **Hoshizaki Corporation**, Katsuhiko Kurimoto has been involved in M&A (Mergers and Acquisitions) operations with the aim of managing change and successfully navigating transition processes.

Hoshizaki Corporation aims to strengthen its world leadership in the ice equipment sector and increase its visibility in Europe, the Middle East and Africa, where Brema Group has always played a major role.

In the name of corporate continuity and culture, **Franca Marinoni** will hold the position of **Member of the Board of Directors and Procurement Director** while **Shigeru Tameishi** will be the new **Manufacturing Director**.

Inside the Company Management Team **Paolo Moro** as **Global Sales & Marketing Director** will play the task of strengthening commercial relations with existing and potential customers, identifying new business opportunities.

Alessandro Maroli will take on the role of **Special Advisor** and will work closely with Katsuhiko Kurimoto to further develop the strategic link with Hoshizaki Corporation by combining research and development, industrial and commercial synergies.

“Talent wins games, but teamwork and intelligence wins championships”.

With this motto, Katsuhiko Kurimoto introduces himself and wishes all employees of Brema Group (Bremakers) to continue their work activities and face new professional challenges with cooperation, cohesion and enthusiasm within an engaging and open environment that encourages mutual confrontation and dialogue.

ABOUT KATSUHIKO KURIMOTO



Joined Panasonic Corporation in 1988. Starting with a sales company in Taiwan in 1994, He has held overseas corporate top management positions in the United Arab Emirates, the United States and Hong Kong, amongst which in Panasonic where he was engaged in management planning, business planning, and new business.

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Making ice with care and passion has been our mission since 1985. We think of ice as the evolution of water, designing it in the ideal shapes to meet every need: from the most classic gourmet shape appreciated by Bartender Managers (Ice Cube) to the more squared and trendy shape demanded by Mixology artists (B-Qube), from the truncated pyramid shape favoured by fast food outlets (Fast Ice) to the elegant elongated thimble shape that goes well with fruit juices and soft drinks (Ice Finger), from the extremely versatile drawn ice in logs (Ice Pebbles) to the granular display ice perfect for the presentation of fresh products (Ice Flakes), right up to the sub-cooled ice flakes that last over time (Ice Scales).

<https://www.bremaice.it/en/>

ABOUT HOSHIZAKI CORPORATION

Since Hoshizaki was founded in Japan 70 years ago, the spirit of adventure has always been at the heart of the company. As of 31 December 2021, the total number of consolidated Group companies rose to 51, including 18 in Japan, 15 in America, 18 in Europe and Asia. The total number of employees on a consolidated basis was 12,923 and the consolidated net sales were JPY 274,400 million (JPY 175,200 million in Japan and JPY 99,100 million overseas). The Hoshizaki Group has become a global company, a leading manufacturer of commercial equipment for large kitchens and the professional catering industry.

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