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KIRKBI A/S appoints CEO for KIRKBI Climate

KIRKBI A/S, the holding company of the LEGO Group and other companies owned by the Kirk Kristiansen family, has appointed Anupam Bhargava as the CEO of the newly established KIRKBI Climate. He will join the company on 1 February 2025.

KIRKBI Climate consolidates all KIRKBI investments and activities aimed at addressing global climate issues. The company currently manages a robust climate investment portfolio of approx. DKK 8 billion with an aspiration to invest up to an additional DKK 10 billion over the next five years.

Søren Thorup Sørensen, CEO of KIRKBI A/S, says:

“We are delighted to appoint Anupam Bhargava as the CEO of KIRKBI Climate. With a proven record in sustainability and expertise in resource efficiency, Anupam combines a strong commercial mindset with a commitment to impactful solutions. These qualities will be instrumental in advancing our climate-focused initiatives. The Kirk Kristiansen family has set a visionary long-term goal to drive impact on global climate issues. With the creation of KIRKBI Climate and the appointment of Anupam, we have established a strong foundation to advance this vision.”

KIRKBI Climate aims to tackle some of the most pressing global climate issues of our time, including climate change and pollution from non-sustainable plastic materials. The company is dedicated to support and catalyse impactful climate solutions by investing in and building high-impact businesses that focus on energy transition, circular plastics solutions, and land sustainability.

Anupam Bhargava, CEO of KIRKBI Climate, says:

“I am excited to join KIRKBI Climate and contribute to the Kirk Kristiansen family's ambitious vision for global impact. Throughout my career, I have focused on building businesses that deliver social, environmental, and economic value, and I am delighted to bring this experience to KIRKBI Climate. By focusing on transformative investments in energy transition, circular plastics and land sustainability, we aim to drive long-term value creation towards a sustainable future. This is an exceptional opportunity to make a significant contribution to climate action at scale.”

In 2023, the Kirk Kristiansen family completed the transition from the 3rd to the 4th generation and outlined a renewed long-term vision. This vision focuses on creating a sustainable future by enabling children to learn through play and driving impactful solutions for global climate challenges. As part of this vision, KIRKBI A/S has introduced a new structure that aligns its businesses and investments under four core areas: LEGO Holding, KIRKBI Climate, KIRKBI Education, and Financial Investments. Read more about the new structure [here](#).

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Business Experience

- 2022 – 2024: Nilfisk A/S – Executive Vice President, Innovation, Service & Customer Experience
- 2017 – 2022: Grundfos Holding A/S – Senior Vice President, Industry Division
- 2016 – 2017: Xylem, Inc. – Vice President, Advanced Technology & Innovation
- 2011 – 2016: Clearwater Systems Corp. – Chief Executive Officer
- 1998 – 2011: United Technologies Corp., Pratt & Whitney – General Manager

Board of Director roles

- 2021 – Present: Aquaporin A/S
- 2021 – 2022: Meco Incorporated
- 2020 – 2022: Silhorko-Eurowater A/S
- 2011 – 2015: Clearwater Systems Corp.

Education

- 2011: First Movers Fellowship, Aspen Institute Business & Society Program
- 1998: MBA, Yale University, School of Management
- 1990: Bachelor of Science, Mechanical Engineering, Syracuse University

About KIRKBI

KIRKBI is the holding company of the LEGO Group and other companies owned by the Kirk Kristiansen family. With a purpose of building a better future for all children, KIRKBI is committed to reinvesting future proceeds from the LEGO Group and other holdings into building businesses within three business areas: LEGO Holding, KIRKBI Education, and KIRKBI Climate. Rooted in the values and principles that have guided the LEGO® brand for generations, KIRKBI actively engages in its businesses with the long-term perspective needed to make a lasting difference.

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