

**PRESS RELEASE**

**“PremiVent” takes first prize in the Swiss competition for integrated window ventilation**

“PremiVent”, the window ventilation system with heat recovery, developed jointly by profine and the Zehnder Group, has taken first prize at the competition for integrated window ventilation.

Sponsored by the Swiss Federal Office of Energy and the City of Zurich Construction Department, the award ceremony took place on 20 January 2012 at the Swissbau trade fair in Basel.

The objective of this product competition was to provide fresh impetus to the subject of residential ventilation on the window and ventilation sectors, in particular with respect to a structurally simplified, aesthetically appealing, and economical variant of ventilation for building renovations.

“With PremiVent, we are offering a high efficiency, local heat recovery system that has been optimised for the profile systems of the three brands KBE, Kömmerling, and Trocal. This system represents an innovative, efficient and economical alternative, in particular for existing buildings that are being refurbished,” explained Dr.-Ing. Michael Szerman, Head of profine Product Management / R&D.

The solutions submitted to the competition were assessed by the jury in the categories technical properties, design, operating and installation effort.

In the technology category, “PremiVent” could convince the jury in particular with its integrated enthalpy exchanger resolving the problem of condensation and frost protection, its tight structure, and its air flaps that close automatically when the system is shut down. Also the sound insulation of “PremiVent” fell within the competition’s specifications. On top, it was the only system in the competition whose measured consumption of 7.5 W complied with the stringent power requirements.

The jury saw further advantages especially in the system’s low weight, its compact size, and the unhindered passage of light through the installed system – of great importance particularly in the refurbishment of buildings.

Dr.-Ing. Michael Szerman: “We are very proud of the award, which confirms and motivates in equal measure our development work in the field of window ventilation technology”.

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"PremiVent", the innovative ventilation system with heat recovery for the brands KBE, Kömmerling and Trocal, guarantees a healthy room climate and recovers up to 80 % of the heat with an enthalpy exchanging device.



At the award ceremony held at Swissbau: Dr. Hans-Peter Zehnder, CEO Zehnder Group AG (left) and Wolfgang Serowy, Managing Director profine Schweiz AG.

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About profine:

profine GmbH - International Profile Group - is the world-wide leading manufacturer of plastic profiles for windows and doors as well as a notable supplier of shutter solutions and PVC sheets. The company was established in 2003, when HT TROPLAST consolidated its profile business activities (KBE, KÖMMERLING, TROCAL) under one roof.

profine has a total of 3,200 employees at 28 locations in 21 countries. Around 1,800 of these employees work in Germany.

The production sites are located in Germany, France, Italy, Spain, Russia, Ukraine, the United States and China. The company headquarters is in Troisdorf (North Rhine-Westphalia, Germany).

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