

Media release from the Fust family

On February 4, 2025, Swiss entrepreneur Walter Fust died after a short illness. In 1966, at the age of 25, he founded Bern, Switzerland-based Dipl. Ing. Fust AG, which is known throughout Switzerland and trades in household appliances, kitchens and consumer electronics. The company has been owned by the Coop Group since 2007.

Walter Fust was the majority shareholder of Jelmoli Holding from 1996 to 2004 and has for many years held a majority stake in the StarragTornos Group, which is active in the machine tool industry and is an expression of his commitment and passion for the machine tool industry and for Switzerland as a business location.

The heirs express their full confidence in StarragTornos Group Board of Directors Chairman Michael Hauser, who was Walter Fust's closest confidant for many years. He will lead the Group into the future in the spirit of Walter Fust.

In addition to his business activities, Walter Fust, who received little public attention, was also an active philanthropist, particularly in his support for ETH Zurich. In 2024, he was appointed to the Honorary Council of ETH Zurich for his great commitment to innovation and entrepreneurial thinking.

Walter Fust was 84 years old. As a result of his life's work as an entrepreneur and universally respected patron, he leaves a legacy which, in accordance with the wishes of his family, will continue for the preservation and sustainable, future-oriented promotion of Switzerland as a business location, as well as for charitable purposes.



Walter Fust (1941–2025)

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