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ifm group of companies	Group of companies family-run in the second generation
Foundation	1969
Founders	Robert Buck †, Gerd Marhofer
Change of generation	2001
co-CEOs	Martin Buck Michael Marhofer
Managing Directors	Volker Frey (as of 05/2026) Benno Kathan (until 04/2026) Dr Dirk Kristes Christoph von Rosenberg
Shareholdings	Minority stake held by KKR
Employees	
Worldwide:	more than 9,120 employees
○ In sales:	more than 2,140 employees
○ In research and development:	more than 1,550 employees
In Germany:	more than 5,260 employees
○ Corporate headquarters and central warehouse in Essen:	more than 870 employees
○ Total Lake Constance region:	more than 3,460 employees
○ Siegen – The SUMMIT:	more than 430 employees
○ Apprentices:	more than 160 in Germany
Sales	
International:	In more than 140 countries worldwide, ifm's customers are supported by independent sales companies or trade partners. 98.8% of turnover was generated by ifm's own branch offices.
Germany:	There are three sales centres as well as some other sales locations in Germany.



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Customers	More than 169,000 buying customers
Production Germany:	ifm products are manufactured at five locations in the Lake Constance region. The majority of the research and development work is located there.
International:	Global development and production sites in the USA, Singapore, Poland, Romania and India
Devices produced	More than 23 million products in 2025
Patents	Almost 1,400 patents, active property rights and about 140 new applications in 2025
Turnover	1.47 billion according to preliminary consolidated financial statement in accordance with the German Commercial Code (HGB)

As of: March 2026