

Bastian Tolle

CV



WORK EXPERIENCE

Since 01/2023 **Elected member of the Advisory Board at EHEDG**

Since 02/2026 **Vice President Business Development & Digitalization
GEA Tuchenhausen GmbH, Germany**

- Responsibility for the holistic development of selected technology & application areas within our Business Unit Valves & Pumps
- Responsibility for Product Digitalization within our Business Unit

01/2020-01/2026 **Vice President Product Management & Engineering,
GEA Tuchenhausen GmbH, Germany**

- Global responsibility for our BUs product portfolio strategy across entire value chain (Valves, Pumps and Cleaning Technology)
- Responsibility for Research & Development (R & D) priorities and annual budget and mid-term planning
- GEA's designated General Assembly Representative within EHEDG

**06/2015-12/2019 Senior Vice President Product Group
Management Flow Components GEA
Tuchenhagen GmbH, Germany**

- Head of strategic product management of product group Flow Components (Valves, Pumps and Cleaning Technology)

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**04/2014-05/2015 Product Portfolio Manager Hygienic Valves
GEA Tuchenhagen GmbH, Germany**

- Professional lead of the national and global product team (Product Management and Technical Support) for Hygienic Valve Technology

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**10/2004-03/2014 Product Manager Hygienic Valves
GEA Tuchenhagen GmbH, Germany**

- Responsibility for the product portfolio of Hygienic Valves
- Participation in work groups and co-authoring of hygienic valve guidelines & standards (EHEDG, 3A)

EDUCATION

08/2000 – 09/2003 Degree: Diplom-Betriebswirt (BA)

- Dual course of study (Business Administration)

PERSONAL PROFILE

Age: 46 years old
Civil status: married, 2 children (8 and 11 years old)
Hobbies: Football, Sports
Languages: German (mother language), English (fluent)

Motivation letter

Since 2004, I have been working at GEA in roles closely connected to hygienic valve and pump technologies, product management, product development and, more recently, business development and digitalization. In my current position as Vice President Business Development & Digitalization, I focus on the holistic development of selected technology and application areas as well as product digitalization within our business unit.

Throughout my professional career, hygienic design has been a key personal motivator. I strongly believe that well-designed components and systems are an essential foundation for safe, reliable and sustainable food processing, ultimately helping food producers protect consumer health and build trust in processed goods.

Driven by this conviction, I have been actively involved for many years in topics and activities related to the globally relevant hygienic design standards EHEDG and 3-A, representing my company in working groups and guideline-related activities. Beyond contributing to the development of such guidelines, I have gained substantial practical experience in translating hygienic design principles into component design, development processes and certification procedures.

Since being elected to the EHEDG Advisory Board in 2023, I have been able to combine this operational and strategic industry experience with my mandate within EHEDG. In addition to contributing to discussions on strategic matters, budget allocation and the appointment of the Executive Committee, I have placed particular emphasis on acting as an active link between EHEDG and its member companies. For me, this means fostering open exchange, listening carefully to the needs and perspectives of members, and bringing relevant feedback back into EHEDG's strategic dialogue.

Based on my operational background, my strategic responsibilities at GEA and my experience within EHEDG's Advisory Board, I would be honored to continue contributing to the development of EHEDG and to support its important role as a recognized driver of hygienic design, food safety and sustainable food processing.

My ambition as an active member of the Advisory Board would be to:

- actively contribute to maintaining and further strengthening the relevance and reach of EHEDG and the principles of hygienic design as a key pillar of food safety;
- continue acting as an active link between EHEDG and its member companies by encouraging exchange, bringing member perspectives into the organization and supporting a strong connection between strategic direction and practical industry needs;
- increase the focus on sustainability in EHEDG's guiding principles and guidelines;
- holistically consider the views and inputs of all relevant stakeholders;

in order to contribute to a safer and more sustainable future in food processing, with EHEDG as a recognized and trusted main driver.