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COMPANY HISTORY

The story of JOSKA begins in **1960**, when Josef Kagerbauer Sr. laid the foundation for today's company in Bodenmais – at that time still a one-man-operation on Arberseestraße. The name "JOSKA" was created from the founder's initials: **JOS**ef **KA**gerbauer – a personal signature that remains tangible to this day.

Just five years after its founding, in **1965**, the company expanded for the first time with the purchase of a neighbouring house, adding salesrooms. Another milestone followed in **1974** with the construction of a new factory on Scharebenstraße. This grew the team to over 50 employees – a clear sign of steady growth. Only one year later, in **1975**, the Glassworks rebuilt according to historical plans, called „Wald-Glashütte", opened.

A special highlight in the company's development came in **1993**: the JOSKA Glasparadies was created, a unique adventure park covering around 70,000 m². In addition to spacious sales areas, guests enjoy our generous gastronomy offerings, including a restaurant and beer garden, as well as our cafe, called „Café Kristallino". Visitors can also explore our glass workshops with live demonstrations, expansive crystal gardens and a large playground for children – a world of experiences for the whole family. Today, the Glass Paradise welcomes around 850,000 visitors annually and is a popular excursion destination far beyond the region.

COMPANY PROFILE

Facts & Location

JOSKA Kristall GmbH & Co. KG is a family-run traditional company based in **Bodenmais in the Bavarian Forest**. Since its founding in 1960, the name JOSKA has stood for high-quality glass art, innovation and strong regional ties.

At JOSKA, crystal objects of the highest quality are created – from traditional craftsmanship to modern designer pieces. The main site is complemented by glass boutiques in **Bad Füssing** (two locations) and **Bad Griesbach**.

JOSKA is now managed by the third generation: siblings **Alina Kagerbauer and Lennart Kagerbauer, together with Thomas Walz**. With around **180 employees**, JOSKA is one of the region's key employers, focusing on long-term growth and the combination of craftsmanship, experience and innovation.

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BUSINESS AREAS AND VALUES

JOSKA Kristall GmbH & Co. KG combines traditional glass art with modern production and design standards. The company covers a wide range of business areas and offers a broad product portfolio.

In **glass production and refinement** the focus is on traditional crafts such as glassblowing, engraving, glass painting, glass cutting and scientific glassblowing. These techniques form the foundation for the high quality and creative variety of JOSKA products.

A particular strength of the company is the **production of crystal cups and trophies**. In this segment, JOSKA is the world market leader, supplying prestigious events such as the FIS Ski World Cup, the Four Hills Tournament, the Biathlon Awards, the DTM, the Tour de France and the German Football Association's Sports Award.

In addition, JOSKA offers a diverse range in the fields of **home & table culture, decoration, garden design, gifts, spices & spirits, as well as jewelry**. High-quality materials and contemporary design specifically target customers with a taste for style and quality.

Another central element of the JOSKA brand is the **experience world** which offers a variety of year-round events program for the whole family – from glassmaking demonstrations to seasonal events and culinary offerings.

MISSION STATEMENT AND VALUES

JOSKA sees itself as a values-driven family business. At the heart are **tradition, creativity, genuine craftsmanship, quality, customer proximity and an experiential character**. These values are reflected both in day-to-day work and in interactions with customers and partners.The company is **steady, authentic** and **diverse** – pursuing a holistic visitor experience: live glassblowing, in-depth insights into the workshops, walks through the crystal gardens, play and leisure opportunities for children, as well as a restaurant with beer garden and cafe, make Bodenmais a truly special destination.

PRODUCTION AND MATERIALS

In the production of our glass products, we place great importance on the responsible use of materials and resources. One of the techniques we employ is known as **"fusing"**, which allows glass fragments to be **reused and transformed** into **new glass products**.

We also carefully consider the properties of the materials used for our packaging. For example, we use packaging chips made from corn starch, which, according to the manufacturer, are biodegradable.

Our modern glass melting facility also contributes to the efficient use of energy throughout the production process.

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AWARDS & RECOGNITION

- 1984 Federal Cross of Merit on Ribbon
- 1996 Federal Cross of Merit First Class
- 2003 Bavarian State Medal for the Economy
- 2004 Bavarian Innovation Award for Tourism
- 2006 Glass Road Award
- 2007 Premium Partner Bavarian Forest
- 2007 Golden Master Craftsman's Certificate
- 2013 Bavarian Order of Merit
- 2016 Arberland Premium Gold
- 2017 Top Company of Lower Bavaria
- National Champion Glass Refinement
- National Champion Glass Engraving
- State Champion Glass Cutting



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