Comprehensive timber solutions

Competent, reliable, sustainable

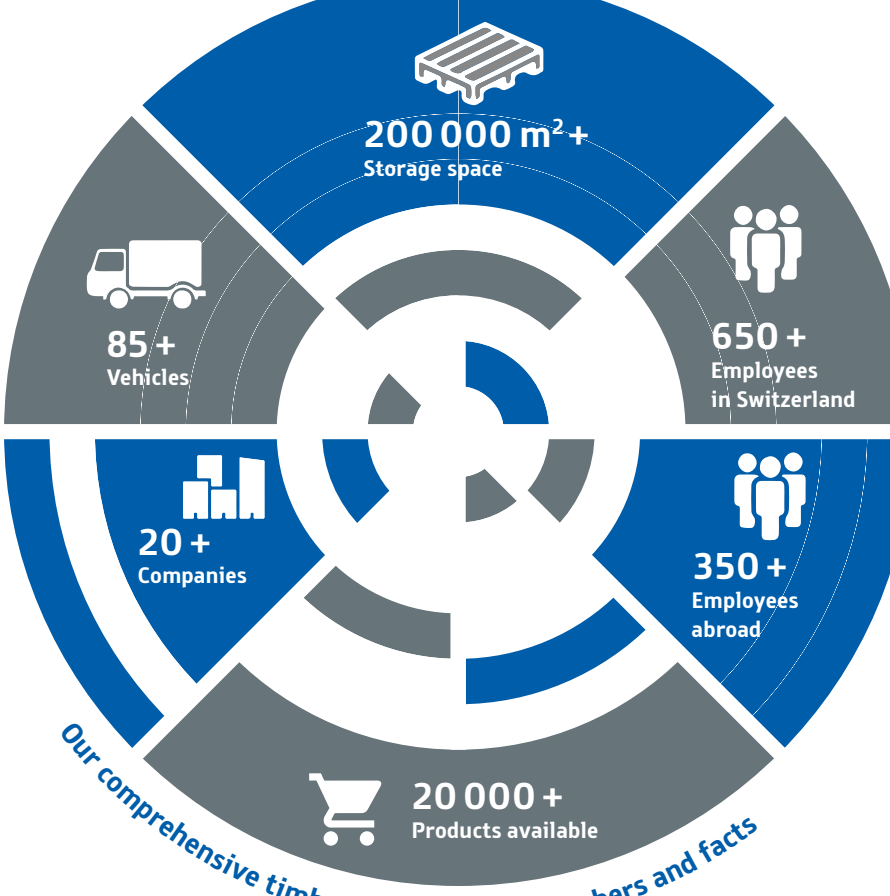
KURATLE GROUP

Your partner for comprehensive timber solutions

The needs and satisfaction of our partners in the areas of structural **timber construction, decorative interior design**, and **flooring**, together with the wishes of our customers, are always our top priority. Through our national and international orientation and our collaboration with various partner companies, we open up new markets and expand our range of products and services. As the Kuratle Group, we unite several companies under one roof with our core competence in providing **comprehensive timber solutions**. By leveraging synergies in **trade, production, and logistics**, we tailor our services to individual customer requirements. The foundation for this is the mission of the Kuratle Group, through which we fulfil our customers' wishes — competently, reliably, and sustainably.

The mission of the Kuratle Group:

> **The Kuratle Group as an ecosystem provides comprehensive timber solutions – competently, reliably, sustainably.**



Competent

Our customer-focused expertise in comprehensive timber solutions enables us to deliver **holistic** answers tailored to every need. We work solution-oriented and always in the **interests of our clients**. By combining **regional** presence with **international** reach, we connect two worlds and provide full support wherever our customers are.

Reliable

Reliability for us stands on three pillars: **commitment** to our customers, a **genuine passion** for wood, and the **experience** we have gained over decades. These qualities ensure consistent performance and trust — day after day.

Sustainable

Sustainability is part of who we are. As a company deeply rooted in wood, a renewable resource, we act with responsibility and foresight. Our traditions and long-standing expertise prepare us for the challenges of the future. We protect forests, wood, and the environment, and we live **partnership** through **responsible** planning and actions.

A regional partner, a global player

As an international provider of wood solutions, the Kuratle Group remains true to its origins as a family-owned company headquartered in **Leibstadt, Switzerland**. With sixteen locations across the country, we are always close to our customers. Beyond national borders, we also maintain **international** partnerships to ensure that our expertise and services are available wherever they are needed.

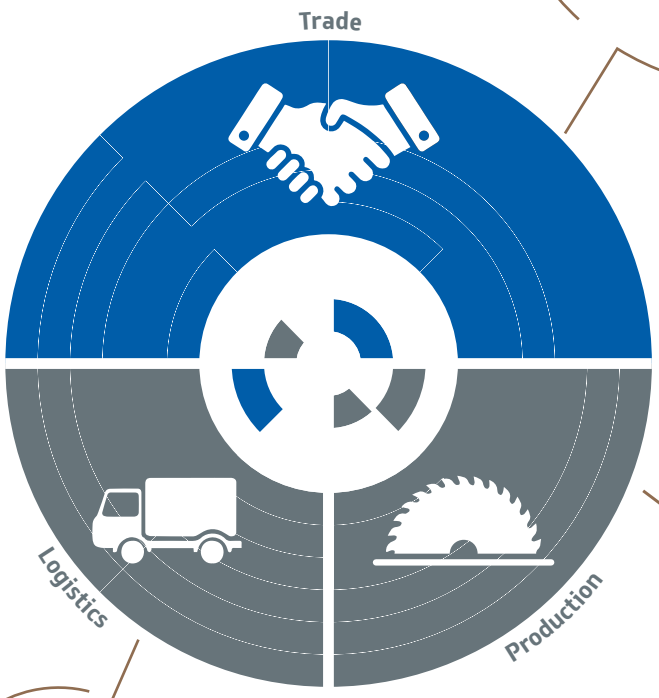
> With our comprehensive timber solutions in trade, production and logistics, the Kuratle Group always focuses on the customer.

Solutions that serve our customers' needs

We value **wood as a material** — and everything it stands for. That is why we stay actively involved across the entire value chain. To provide a wide range of wood-based products for modern timber construction, we identify emerging **trends** and continuously **adapt our portfolio** to market needs. Our comprehensive offering extends from construction and wood-based materials to industrial prefabrication, consulting, and engineering services — all the way to complete logistics solutions. Kuratle Group customers include professionals from the processing and industrial sectors, architecture and planning, as well as specialist retailers and DIY markets. In the property sector, we also advise architects, general contractors, and private builders in our showrooms.

From trade and production to logistics

Our customers expect three things: **high-quality wood-based materials**, **customized processing**, and **reliable delivery**. With our integrated timber solutions across **trade, production, and logistics**, we meet all these needs efficiently and seamlessly.



KURATLE JAECKER
Mach was mit Holz

HWZ SCHWEIZ
Sie wünschen – wir handeln

LEUBA HIAG SA
Le bois – notre compétence

TICINORO

HWZ INTERNATIONAL
Innovative surface solutions

DIY-WOOD
Ihr Baumarktpartner

HTA MITTELLAND
Hightechabbund

buz
Bearbeitungs- & Zuschnittzentrum AG

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timber concept

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Universal
Plywood & Timbers

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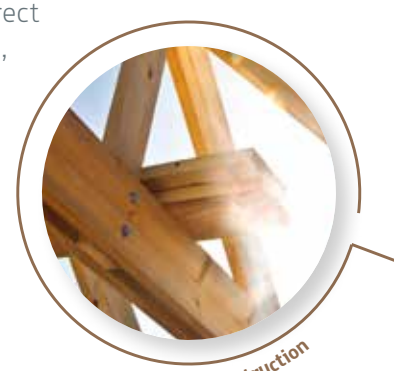
Finding products made easy:

Trade

With our extensive **product portfolio** from leading manufacturers in Switzerland and abroad, we help our customers make the best possible choices. Our offering includes products from all key market segments – available through both **specialist retailers** and selected **DIY stores**. To meet individual requirements, we organize our services by specific customer segments, providing expert **advice** and personalized support.

We secure optimal product procurement for our customers in two ways: through direct partnerships with renowned producers of building materials, wood-based materials, and floor coverings, and by complementing our range with our own brands when needed. The insights gained from this close cooperation feed directly into our innovation processes and our comprehensive timber solutions – always tailored to individual needs and delivered with precision.

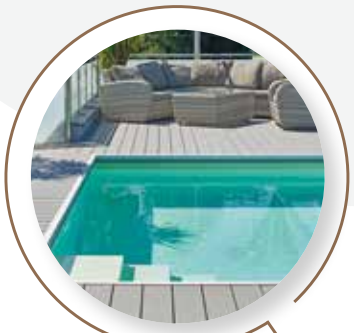


Wood construction

Decorative boards

Raw boards

Our customers can access our range of products – from flooring to roofing:



Terraces

Flooring

Insulating materials

Facades

Doors

Acoustics

The Kuratle Group's own brands:

FARO PARQUET

FARO TERRACE

FARO LAMINATE

swissline

NOVATOP CLEVERLY DESIGNED

worky kitchenworktop

STRONG SPC

INDO

SLY

FIXED

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> Our solutions for wood construction are as varied as our customers' wishes.

When everything has to fit:

Production

We also provide our customers with comprehensive timber solutions in the field of production. In industrial prefabrication, our partners benefit from precisely manufactured components and receive integrated timber solutions from a single source.

Solutions from A to Z – from joinery to cutting

High-tech joinery – effective and just in time

Our state-of-the-art joinery operations deliver efficiency and precision, ensuring just-in-time results for projects of any size. By leveraging synergies across our network, customers gain access to a well-balanced portfolio of wood-based materials, joinery services, and logistics solutions. Equipped with high-tech systems such as the **Hundegger Robot-Drive 650, the Hundegger Speed-Cut 480**, and the **Weinmann WBS 140**, we can handle any requirement — from a simple canopy to a complex multi-unit building. Additional services such as thickness planing, surface treatment, and the delivery and installation of fasteners complete our offering.

With extensive experience in both automated and traditional joinery, our motivated team ensures precision, reliability, and flexibility — even for the most demanding projects.

A reliable partner in industrial prefabrication

With our in-house **processing** and **cutting solutions**, we offer flexible, customer-focused prefabrication at varying levels of production depth. Our core strengths include fast and precise order processing, reliable on-time delivery, expert consulting, and the implementation of custom, tailor-made solutions.

Prefabrication, assembly, application – from composite parts to the construction site

Our innovative **wood-concrete composite system** provides future-oriented solutions for modern construction. It combines the exceptional load-bearing capacity, fire resistance, and sound insulation of concrete with the material efficiency and resource-saving advantages of wood. The prefabricated elements, manufactured using patented technology, are delivered directly to the construction site — ready for efficient installation.

Fast, networked, reliable:

Logistics

Comprehensive logistics – from storage to delivery

With our own **logistics** network, we offer a wide range of flexible solutions for storage and transportation. From international pick-ups and customs clearance to warehousing, order picking, assembly, and delivery — the Kuratle Group provides complete timber solutions, including logistics.

Our logistics services are always available and tailored to customer needs. Across multiple locations, we manage more than 200,000 m² of storage space, ensuring a broad product range, high availability, and short delivery times.

On the road – transport solutions

Our modern **vehicle fleet** enables fast and efficient delivery. It includes vehicles of all sizes — from small vans to solo trucks equipped with forklifts or cranes, as well as semi-trailers with crane systems. With payloads from 7.5 to 40 tons and a variety of trailer configurations, we can handle everything from complete loads to general cargo and express shipments. Throughout our operations, we remain mindful of our environmental impact and continuously optimize our routes and fleet efficiency.

Products stored safely

As diverse as our transport solutions – flexible storage capacity. Just as varied as our transport options, our storage capacities are designed to meet the diverse needs of our customers. We can accommodate both small quantities and large-volume materials, with optimal conditions provided by our cantilever, block, and pallet storage systems.

To ensure proximity to our customers, our experienced logistics teams operate efficiently and safely at our key warehouse locations in Leibstadt, Basel, Bern, Buchs, Füllinsdorf, Märstetten, Sins, Niederbipp, and Farvagny-le-Petit.

Digital warehouse management

Using an advanced digital warehouse management system, we continuously optimise our processes and enhance coordination across all Kuratle Group companies. This digitalisation forms an integral part of our comprehensive timber solutions and ensures efficient, transparent logistics for our customers.

Shaping the future – trends and innovations

We closely monitor trends, innovations, and emerging technologies to ensure we continue providing our customers with comprehensive timber solutions.

Building the future with wood

Construction projects made entirely of wood – once thought impossible – are now becoming a reality in modern architecture. The Kuratle Group plays an active role in this development. We not only supply the required construction and wood materials but also support our customers with complete engineering expertise.

Digitalization in the wood industry

Digital transformation is another key driver of innovation in our sector. Through **online configuration** tools in our digital service area, customers can quickly find the right products for their projects in the required quantities. Our **Design Studio** makes planning easy — visualizing how products will look in real life. With advanced **planning tools** such as CadWork and Sema, we help customers digitize, simplify, and accelerate their workflows. These digital interfaces connect the physical and digital worlds, offering our partners new opportunities for efficiency, precision, and creativity.

Expanding networks – driving innovation

To strengthen our role as a central hub for wood as a material, we are continuously building new relationships and expanding our professional **networks**. Through close **collaboration** with **industry associations** and **technical colleges**, we serve as an important interface for emerging trends, technological developments, and specialist know-how. These partnerships often lead to new product and brand ideas, helping us meet existing customer needs through innovation and opening up new markets.

With the support of our extensive network, we provide our customers with comprehensive timber solutions. Cooperation with associations, universities, and manufacturers ensures a continuous exchange of knowledge and enables us to align our products precisely with the demands of the market.

Every year, builders, architects, students, and lecturers attend our **Wood Conference** in Cape Town, South Africa – an internationally recognized platform dedicated to advancing sustainable timber construction and promoting global knowledge transfer within the wood industry.

Sustainability – living responsibility

As a globally active family company, we are committed to implementing environmentally friendly and resource-efficient practices across all business areas. Our sustainability concept is realised on multiple levels:

- We source our wood exclusively from **certified, sustainably managed forests**.
- New company buildings are **constructed using timber**, while expansions of existing sites include sustainable upgrades such as electric-vehicle charging stations, energy-efficient LED lighting, and solar panels.
- We actively minimise our environmental footprint by keeping **transport routes** short and continuously investing in our vehicle fleet to meet the latest environmental standards.
- **We reuse production waste to heat our facilities**.
- Through our "**My Tree**" planting campaign, we contribute to the long-term reforestation of Swiss forests.
- These measures reflect our conviction that sustainability begins with action — today and for the generations to come.

Sustainability in numbers & facts

Through the **new and converted buildings** on our company premises, 9853 tons of CO_2 are bound for many years and withdrawn from the atmosphere through the use of wood and wood-based materials. To compare: A 40-ton truck can travel over 8 million km.

Our photovoltaic systems produce annually 3.1 GWh of electricity. We use approx. 66 % for our own use.

Acting with foresight – responsibility as a principle

One of our fundamental **economic** principles is to act with foresight. That is why we are committed to long-term, competitive, and sustainable corporate management.

Sustainability is not merely a promise – it is a guiding principle of the Kuratle Group. As a globally active family enterprise, we are dedicated to implementing environmentally friendly and resource-efficient measures in everything we do. Our certified quality management system (ISO 9001) and our internal control processes ensure transparent material sourcing, legal compliance, and the achievement of long-term goals. Most importantly, they enable us to offer products that are manufactured sustainably.

We take our responsibility seriously when it comes to the use of wood — a natural and renewable raw material. Wherever possible, we source from producers who work with certified forests, verified by FSC®, PEFC, and Swiss Wood certifications. These seals confirm that our products come from responsibly managed forests and meet the requirements for traceability and environmental compliance.

Emissionsarme Produkte

Emissionsarme Bodenbeläge

Produziert aus Schweizer Holz

The Butterfly Seal of Quality

Products that carry the Butterfly label for low-emission wood-based materials are tested by independent construction and environmental chemistry institutes. They meet strict standards for reducing volatile organic compounds (VOC) and help ensure healthier indoor environments.

Produced with Swiss wood

We act locally to protect nature and conserve resources. The Produced with Swiss Wood product line uses timber sourced 66 % – 100 % from Swiss forests. This supports the domestic forestry sector and strengthens the market for high-quality, locally produced wood-based materials.

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650 connections to wood

650 employees form the driving force behind the Kuratle Group's success story – supported by more than 1,000 colleagues worldwide. We invest in modern infrastructure and **forward-looking working** conditions because we understand that motivated employees are the key to maintaining the quality our customers expect. These measures not only support our teams in their daily work but also provide long-term development opportunities and inspire lasting commitment.

Three reasons to join the Kuratle Group

1. A culture of collaboration. As a family-owned company, we live a culture based on trust, mutual respect, and open communication. We work **with and for each other**, fostering regular dialogue and shared ideas.

2. Room for initiative. Our employees are encouraged to **create, take responsibility, and shape their work independently**. Their dedication ensures the consistent quality of our timber solutions – and strengthens the trust our partners place in us.

3. **Sustainability and progress**. For us, change always moves in the direction of greater sustainability. We continuously evolve together with our employees, ensuring that innovation and ecological awareness go hand in hand.

Kuratle Academy – learning and growing together

Our Kuratle Academy offers tailor-made training programmes for employees, promoting knowledge sharing and continuous skill development. In doing so, we foster a learning culture that enables us to respond to change, identify emerging needs, and move forward as a forward-thinking employer.

We also view training as an opportunity to attract and nurture highly qualified young talent — an integral part of our corporate culture. At present, we provide vocational training in the following professions:

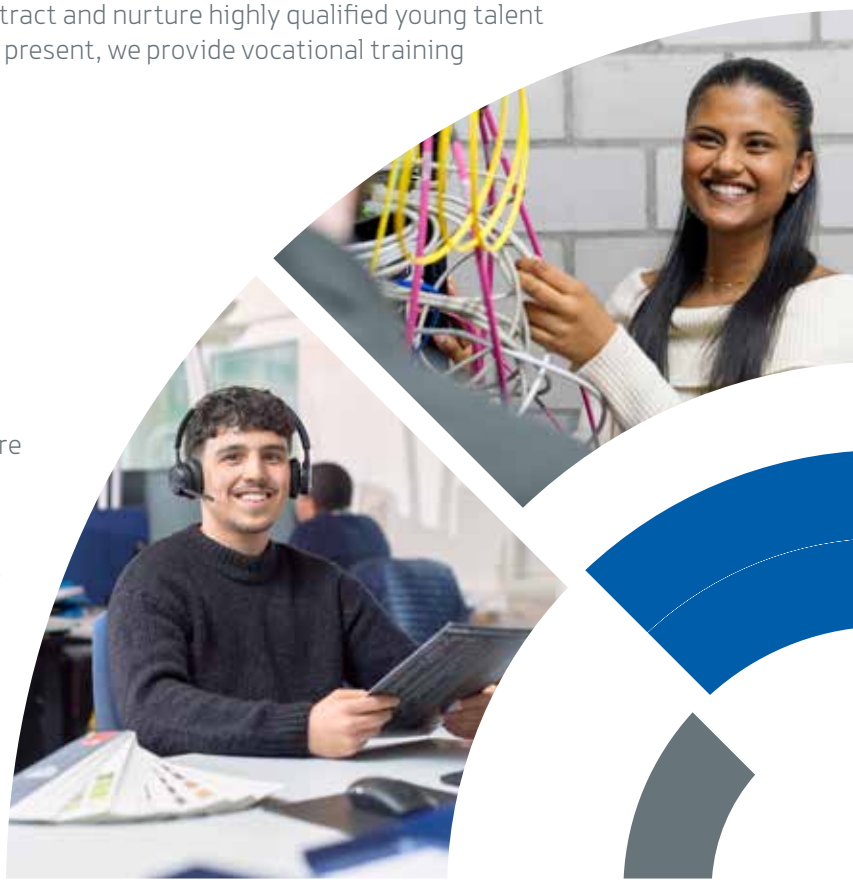
- Logistician
- Woodworker
- Commercial apprentice
- Customer dialogue specialist
- Mediamatician
- ICT specialist
- Polygrapher
- Road transport specialist

Currently, 33 apprentices and three interns are completing their training across seven locations.

Collaboration with Bern University of Applied Sciences

In cooperation with the Bern University of Applied Sciences, the Kuratle Group has also developed a unique, modular internship programme aimed at students in wood technology degree courses. The programme includes three internship modules designed for the following disciplines:

- HF Wood Technology
- Bachelor of Science – Wood Technology
- Master of Science – Wood Technology



The Kuratle Group as an employer

From tradition to innovation

When Alfred Kuratle founded the sole proprietorship Kuratle AG in Laufenburg, Aargau, in 1955, he could hardly have foreseen that he was laying the foundation for today's Kuratle Group. In 1974, his son George Kuratle joined the family business and, after taking over management in the early 1990s, set a decisive course for the company's future.

Recognising early on that the market demanded a broader range of products and services than a single trading company could provide, he initiated a series of strategic mergers and integrations that fueled sustained growth. These milestones established the foundation for meeting the evolving needs of the timber industry.

Guided by the company's vision of offering customers comprehensive timber solutions in trade, production, and logistics, the Kuratle Group ultimately expanded beyond Switzerland's borders – combining family tradition with international reach.

Overview of milestones

1955 On April 1st, Alfred Kuratle founded a sole proprietorship in Laufenburg.

1974 George Kuratle joined the family business.

1982 Founding of Kuralit AG, Leibstadt.

1989 George Kuratle takes over the management of Kuratle AG, Laufenburg.

1994 Commissioning of the new wood-based materials centre (HWZ AG) in Leibstadt.

1998 HWZ AG takes over the business activities of Kuralit AG.

1999 Merger of the companies Kuratle AG and Jaecker AG.

2002 Founding of DIY-Wood AG based in Oensingen.

2004 Founding of Meier Logistik AG, Leibstadt.

2007 Founding of Topwood Trading GmbH with headquarters in DE-Geislingen.

2009 Founding of HWZ International AG, Alpnach Dorf.

Roger Kuratle joined the family business.

Our commitment to our customers

Customer needs and market demands are constantly evolving. Interior construction products have become increasingly diverse, while wood construction systems have grown more sophisticated. Demand for integrated construction solutions has also risen steadily. The Kuratle Group has always stayed attuned to these developments — and actively helped shape them.

George Kuratle's deep connection to and fascination with timber as a material fueled his growing dedication to meeting these needs. Under the Kuratle Group umbrella, new product ranges, specialized product groups, and expanded services took shape. Customer-specific own brands were developed, supported by targeted marketing strategies that maintained a direct connection to our key markets.

The Kuratle Group remains in family hands

The family tradition continues with the third generation now actively shaping the company. In January 2020, Roger Kuratle succeeded his father as CEO of the Kuratle Group. Together with his siblings Corinne and Fabian, he carries forward the family business in his father's spirit — always keeping the customer at the center of strategic development.

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2010 Founding of HWZ International SA (Pty) Ltd. Camps Bay, Cape Town, ZA and integration of Woodag International GmbH, Austria.

Fabian Kuratle joined the family business.

2014

2014 Merger of Kuratle & Jaecker AG and Hiag Handel AG.

Corinne Kuratle joined the family business.

2015 Launch of the Kuratle Academy.

2016 Commissioning of the HIT (Holz im Tragwerk) in Leibstadt.

2019 HWZ International AG: Expansion of specialist retailers in Austria and Germany.

HTA Mittelland GmbH, Leibstadt: Start of production of joinery services.

2020

2020 Roger Kuratle takes over the role of CEO of the Kuratle Group AG from January 1st.

Founding of KG Management AG, Leibstadt, and Wilma Vertriebs AG, Niederbipp.

The newly founded company Leuba Hiag SA is responsible for the French-speaking Swiss market.

2023 Opening of the new wood storage and logistics centre in Farvagny-le-Petit with the LFS storage software.

2025

2025 70 years Kuratle Group anniversary.

Integration of Xlam South Africa LTD PTY, Universal Plywood & Timbers and Timber Concept GmbH in the Kuratle Group Ecosystem.

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