

Press information

# CTS Reisen sets the course for further growth and long-term continuity

## New shareholder structure strengthens leading specialist provider of educational and group travel

**Lemgo/Königstein, 17 June 2026** – CTS Gruppen- und Studienreisen GmbH (CTS Reisen) is laying the foundations for the next phase of its development. Through a new ownership structure, the company is creating the basis to further strengthen its market position, capitalize on additional growth opportunities, and continue the successful development achieved in recent years.

To this end, a new holding company, ETG Holding GmbH (Educational Travel Group), has been established as the new parent company of CTS Reisen. Its shareholders are independent equity partner Silver Investment Partners, based in Königstein, as well as Ingo Dobbert, Oliver Dobbert, and Christoph Knobloch. The existing stakeholders therefore remain closely involved with the business and, alongside Silver Investment Partners, are sending a clear signal of continuity, growth, and long-term commitment.

There will be no changes for employees, customers or business partners. CTS Reisen will continue to operate with its existing team and established structures. Christoph Knobloch and Oliver Dobbert will remain Managing Directors, while founder Ingo Dobbert will contribute his extensive industry experience as a member of the advisory board of the new holding company.

With more than 6,500 groups and over 220,000 participants each year, CTS Reisen is one of Germany's leading providers of school trips and educational group travel. The company plans to build on this position by expanding into new markets, customer segments and destinations. Over time, the management team is also expected to be expanded to support the company's continued growth.

As an entrepreneurial partner, Silver Investment Partners brings additional capital, strategic expertise and extensive experience in supporting the growth of mid-sized businesses. Together, the partners aim to further strengthen CTS Reisen's market position and support its sustainable growth while preserving the company's established culture and identity.

“Over several decades, CTS Reisen has grown through reliability, close personal relationships with customers and partners, and a strong team. With the new structure, we are laying the foundation to continue this development over the long term and capitalize on additional competitive opportunities. Most importantly, we remain committed to being the fair, reliable, and service-oriented company that our employees, customers, and partners know and value.”

— **Ingo Dobbert, Founder of CTS Reisen**

“CTS Reisen is an exceptionally well-positioned company with a strong brand, close customer relationships, and a highly experienced team. We look forward to supporting its continued development together with Ingo Dobbert, Oliver Dobbert, Christoph Knobloch, and the employees. Our shared objective is to preserve the company's existing strengths while developing CTS Reisen step by step for the future.”

— **Philipp Amereller, Founder and Managing Partner, Silver Investment Partners**

## **About CTS Gruppen- und Studienreisen GmbH**

Founded in 1974 by Ingo Dobbert, CTS Reisen is today one of Germany's leading specialist providers of school trips and educational group travel. The company employs 115 people at its headquarters in Lemgo and organizes more than 6,500 trips annually for over 220,000 participants. Its portfolio comprises more than 400 destinations across 31 European countries and the United States. The offering includes curriculum-based school trips, study tours, and university excursions by coach, rail, and air. In addition, the company serves coach operators, businesses, teaching staff, clubs, and associations. For more information, please visit [www.cts-reisen.de](http://www.cts-reisen.de).

## **About Silver Investment Partners**

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