

Frank Obrist

Founder and CEO of Obrist Group



Frank Obrist, the Founder and CEO of Obrist Group, was born on the 7th of November 1961 in Vorarlberg, Austria. He is a trained mechanical engineer from HTL Bregenz.

He applied to work for the Felix Wankel company as a design engineer in 1984 and received the opportunity to work in close cooperation with Felix Wankel himself. In 1993 he was appointed as the head of design and testing, where he began his first work on R744 compressors and test benches at TES Wankel Institute in Germany.

In 1992 Frank started a part-time study for Business Innovation Management which he completed in 1995 as an Academic Innovation Specialist at the Technical University of Graz and the MZSG Management Center St. Gallen.

In April 1996, Frank Obrist founded OBRIST Engineering GmbH. Here he continued the work on the R744 compressors and the test benches, and as a result, the company registered its first patent already in 1997. The Group has continued its path of innovation to sustainable Powertrain systems and renewable fuel technology and owns today over 400 patents.

Frank Obrist has devoted his professional career to the design of advanced machinery and to the creation of sustainable innovations. His main ambition has been finding the best technical solutions to fight climate change with the help of world-leading scientists. Frank is leading his company toward renewable technology, such as the Obrist aFuel; The world's first climate-positive energy carrier. The technology goes beyond carbon neutrality as it enables CO₂-negative mobility and energy consumption. As a long-term goal, Frank wants to bring the world to a new "carbon sink-era", which enables us to significantly reduce the amount of CO₂ in the atmosphere. Obrist Group has developed this technology, to be applicable to the current infrastructure, affordable to consumers, and to be globally scalable. Frank Obrist wants to challenge the world to further its climate goals and to break the chain of fossil fuels.