



Press Release

For the first time Deutsche Wohnen fits out an entire apartment building with a KIWI keyless entry system

Berlin, 17 April 2019. In February, Deutsche Wohnen completed the core refurbishment of the former women's hall of residence of Hoechst AG in Heimchenweg, Frankfurt am Main. Following extensive restructuring work, the former hall of residence was converted into a micro-apartment building with 87 residential units. In addition to the many measures Deutsche Wohnen adopted to create this new housing, the company also invested in the digital infrastructure of the building in order to offer tenants greater convenience and to simplify the processes involved in managing the property. For the first time, all the doors of an apartment building of Deutsche Wohnen have been fitted with digital access technology. This project was carried out with the help of Arbonia, the leading door manufacturer, and KIWI, the provider of keyless entry systems.

Digital access technology – seamlessly integrated into the front doors of all apartments

All of the main entrance doors to the building, the doors to the cellars and a security barrier were retrofitted with established KIWI technology. For the entrance doors to the apartments, SmartDOORS, which were first presented in January 2019 at the construction trade fair BAU, are being used. These are doors by the established brand names PRÜM and GARANT which have had KIWI's access technology added. The finished product, complete with pre-installed KIWI sensor technology and a motorised lock, is delivered by the factory ready for installation. The sensor technology is installed invisibly in the door leaf and is supplied directly with electricity via the frame. Holger Rentel, a director with Deutsche Wohnen, feels that this new access technology has a number of benefits: "With these SmartDOORS we are offering a convenient and innovative solution to our tenants. In addition, there are lots of advantages during construction and when there is a change of tenant. The doors, including the KIWI access system, are installed by a single partner. This is a one-stop solution for us and means that we don't have to commission different contractors to carry out this work. We don't have any maintenance costs either because the technology has a direct electricity supply."

KIWI.KI GmbH is expanding its area of business

After growing successfully with its retrofit solutions for existing buildings, KIWI is using its integrated entrance doors for individual apartments to expand its area of business to include new builds and refurbished properties. As Karsten Nölling, the CEO of KIWI.KI GmbH, explains, “For new-build and refurbishment projects, it is important to be able to provide a solution that can be integrated seamlessly into the finished property. With the Swiss door manufacturing group Arbonia, which includes the German door manufacturers PRÜM and GARANT, we have found a partner that is open to innovation and that can supply high-quality doors. This means that we can provide our customers with an excellent product that works, like all KIWI products, on the KIWI platform.”

Deutsche Wohnen trusts in digital access technology

Deutsche Wohnen has been using the KIWI digital access system since the summer of 2017. In so doing, the company is taking another important step towards digitisation in the management of its properties. The entry management of Deutsche Wohnen’s entire holdings is being digitised step by step using KIWI technology. This means that Deutsche Wohnen will be able to achieve huge efficiency gains in the management of all of its approximately 164,000 residential units.

Arbonia AG invests in KIWI.KI GmbH

In January 2019, Arbonia AG and KIWI.KI GmbH presented their first joint product and announced at the same time Arbonia’s participation in the prop tech company. This collaboration means that the companies can pool their expertise in door manufacture and digital software in order to be able to offer a forward-looking solution to the housing industry.

About Deutsche Wohnen

Deutsche Wohnen is one of the leading publicly listed property companies in Germany and Europe with a business focus on managing and developing its portfolio, which consists mainly of residential properties. As at 31 December 2018, the portfolio comprised 167,000 units in total, of which 164,300 were residential and 2,700 commercial. The company is listed in the Deutsche Börse’s MDAX and is also included in the leading indices EPRA/NAREIT, STOXX® Europe 600 and GPR 250.

About KIWI

KIWI is a keyless entry system for main entrances and individual flats within residential buildings. The KIWI portal enables access authorisation to be managed centrally. This saves time for property managers and means that they no longer have to worry about having the right key in the right place at the right time. More than 65,000 residential units are connected to the KIWI infrastructure, and its customers include more than 500 residential property companies. KIWI is a service provided by KIWI.KI GmbH. The company is based in Berlin and was founded in February 2012. It is headed by Karsten Nölling, the CEO, and Hannah Nöthig.

About PRÜM-GARANT (Arbonia AG)

Arbonia AG includes the leading German door manufacturers PRÜM and GARANT as well as the Swiss market leader RWD Schlatter and the Polish company Invado. It is the second largest door manufacturer in Europe and produced 2.3 million doors in 2018, achieving a turnover of EUR 309 million. In addition to doors, Arbonia has three further divisions that operate in the areas of heating, air-conditioning and ventilation technology, sanitary equipment and windows. Arbonia is listed on the SIX Swiss Exchange and has its headquarters in Arbon in the canton of Thurgau (Switzerland). The company operates worldwide with its own distribution companies as well as offices and partners in more than 70 countries. The main production sites are located in Switzerland, Germany, the Czech Republic, Poland, Slovakia, Italy, Belgium and the Netherlands. In total, Arbonia AG employs around 8,200 people.

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