



## Carl Brandt, Inc.: Change of Management as of July 1, 2023

**Hagen – July 17, 2023:** Carl Brandt, Inc. is announcing that, effective July 1, 2023, Stanley Mazepa will assume the position of President and CEO (USA) at Carl Brandt, Inc. in Fairfield, CT, USA. With the support of Brandt Zwieback-Schokoladen GmbH + Co. KG, he will thus succeed Susanne Settineri, who, together with her father, was involved in the founding of the American company and was instrumental in its success. North America represents an exciting growth market for the corporate group. Carl Brandt, Inc. has been a successful importer of German food products since 1989. With strong relationships to local retailers, the company is well positioned for continued growth.



Stanley Mazepa has had a 30-year career in the food industry and has a thorough understanding of the sector. He will take the reins of Susanne Settineri's successful work in developing exclusive European brands with a clear vision. *"Carl Brandt, Inc. will be further solidified as a leading expert in developing imported brands and providing world-class services to manufacturers in terms of efficiency, expertise and relationships in the industry,"* says Mazepa. He will also be provided with support from Germany for his vision: *"We stand by Stanley Mazepa and all the employees in Fairfield as a competent partner and look forward to supporting a strong team with our extensive expertise from the European market,"* says Jan Dominik Gunkel, CEO of the Brandt Zwieback-Schokoladen Group.

Susanne Settineri, who alone was responsible for managing the company for twenty years, will be departing for a well-deserved retirement. The transition to Stanley Mazepa will take place in the coming weeks. Susanne Settineri can proudly look back on her time as CEO and the milestones she has achieved: From co-founding one of the best-known importers of specialty foods in the U.S. and establishing close customer and supplier relationships to the continued economic development of Carl Brandt, Inc., she has accomplished a great deal.

Susanne Settineri spoke about her departure and has the following advice for the new CEO: *"Steer the course! Be aware of the changes, take risks and enjoy a crispy slice of 'Zwieback' during your coffee break!"*

The entire Brandt Group is looking forward to working with Stanley Mazepa and wishes him a successful start and, along with his team, all the best for the continued development of the company.



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Established in 1989, Carl Brandt, Inc. is a well-known company based in Fairfield, CT, USA, specializing in the import and distribution of German food products. With considerable support by Brandt Zwieback-Schokoladen GmbH + Co. KG, the company has become a leading supplier of high-quality products of German cuisine on the North American market. Thanks to passion and commitment, Carl Brandt, Inc. has gained an excellent reputation as a reliable partner for suppliers and customers. The company offers a wide array of diverse products that represent both the taste and quality of German cuisine. From fine baked goods and confectionery to canned goods, beverages and other specialty products, Carl Brandt, Inc. offers an extensive assortment that appeals to the needs and preferences of a broad consumer base.

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