

Epta strengthens naturals offering with purchase of Danish retail refrigeration specialist Knudsen Køling

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Purchaser of contractor and cabinet specialist strengthens Epta's position in northern Europe and increases expertise in natural refrigerants

Epta has announced the acquisition of Knudsen Køling, a company specialising in the design, installation and maintenance of turnkey refrigeration and CO₂ systems in Denmark. With this strategic move Epta said it has strengthened its position in the Nordic Countries, a region with the highest standards in environment and energy efficient solutions, which are 'key characteristics of the Epta offer'.

The contractor has been providing retailers and industry with cabinets, plug-ins and reliable solutions for over 50 years, supported by a nationwide sales distribution and service network.

Knudsen Køling serves many of the main Retailers in the region, such as the Coop Group, Dansk Supermarked, Dagrofa/Norgesgruppen and Reitan.

Epta is already present in the Nordic Countries with its own subsidiaries in Finland and Norway, working directly with major retailers, as well as through a premium network of qualified distributors. The Group has entered into this agreement with the intent of consolidating its position in the north of Europe, one of the first markets to develop solutions with natural refrigerants. Epta and Knudsen Køling together, have already completed more than 1.000 installations of CO₂ systems worldwide. Epta said: "The acquisition will foster important synergies among the existing operations in Germany and UK, with strong benefits for all customers and business partners in the region."

Epta's CEO Marco Nocivelli said: "Since the year 2000 Knudsen Køling has been one of the most dynamic players in Denmark in the development of CO₂ systems. The acquisition of Knudsen Køling is a perfect match for our expansion plan to strengthen our presence in the refrigeration market worldwide, through partnership with leading brands in their respective countries. This is a great opportunity for both parties to share technological expertise and offer the widest portfolio of HFC free solutions".

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