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SEA.AI appoints Claus Österbauer to newly created Chief Financial Officer

The appointment strenghten SEA.AI's management team as the company continues its international expansion across recreational, commercial and maritime security markets.

SEA.AI, a pioneer in maritime Machine Vision, announces the appointment of Claus Österbauer as Chief Financial Officer (CFO), a newly created position within the company.

With roots in offshore racing, SEA.AI has expanded its Machine Vision technology into recreational boating, commercial maritime operations and maritime security, including defence applications. As the company continues to grow internationally, the creation of the CFO role marks an important step in strengthening its organisation and supporting its long-term development.



Claus Österbauer, CFO - SEA.AI

International experience in finance, technology and investment

Claus Österbauer brings nearly 20 years of experience in corporate finance, financial management and transactions.

He spent almost twelve years in deal advisory at KPMG Austria before joining HOOKIPA Pharma, an international biotechnology company operating in Vienna and New York, where he helped building and scaling the group's finance organisation and taking the company through an NASDAQ IPO. Most recently, he worked at a private-equity-backed market-leading manufacturer of high-voltage insulators.

Since 2018, he has also invested in early-stage technology companies, particularly in SaaS, deep-tech and AI. His background combines experience as a financial executive, corporate advisor and investor, bringing valuable perspectives on the challenges and opportunities facing growing technology businesses.

Strengthening SEA.AI's financial strategy for international growth

In his new role, Claus will lead SEA.AI's financial and capital strategy, including investor relations. Together with the finance team, he will further strengthen planning, reporting and governance to support the company's international growth.



Claus Österbauer (CFO), **Marcus Warrelmann** (CEO)

"As demand for SEA.AI technology continues to grow across commercial and defence markets, we need to ensure our financial structure evolves alongside the business.
Creating the CFO position is an important step in supporting our next phase of international growth. Claus brings valuable experience from three perspectives: as an advisor, a finance executive and an investor. His expertise will be a real asset as we scale the company and shape our future."
Marcus Warrelmann, CEO, SEA.AI

"What attracted me to SEA.AI is a technology that addresses a real need at sea. As an investor I have looked at many deep-tech companies. Few combine a product that already works in real conditions with customers who rely on it every day. I look forward to working with the team to strenghten our financial organisation and support our growth, while preserving the agility that has brought SEA.AI this far."
Claus Österbauer, CFO, SEA.AI

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About SEA.AI

SEA.AI pioneered maritime machine vision in 2018. Its systems combine optical and thermal sensors with artificial intelligence to detect what conventional sensors such as radar and AIS often miss. Persons overboard, marine mammals, unlit vessels, small craft, containers, semi submerged logs and other floating hazards. Day and night, in real time.

Operators see what was previously invisible. They have more information, more time to react, and the certainty to act. The technology is built on more than eight years of real world data gathered at sea, and is used across recreational, commercial and security operations, at sea and from fixed installations.

SEA.AI systems are deployed across vessels and maritime infrastructures, supporting recreational sailors, commercial operators, search and rescue crews, maritime surveillance operations and unmanned surface vessels.

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