

## DI Dr. Franz Kainersdorfer

Franz Kainersdorfer, born 1967, has been a member of the Management Board of voestalpine AG and Head of the Metal Engineering Division since 2011. In his corporate function, he is responsible for Long-Term Energy Supply.

After graduating from the Leoben University of Mining and Metallurgy (*Montanuniversität Leoben*), he started his professional career in 1993 as a university assistant at the Institute of Electrical Engineering. In 1996, he moved from the Veitsch-Radex AG marketing department to voestalpine Schienen GmbH. He held leading positions at Austrian and international Group locations, such as voestalpine Railpro in the Netherlands and voestalpine Nortrak in the USA. In 2009, as a designated member of the Management Board of voestalpine AG, he became Managing Director of voestalpine Stahl Donawitz GmbH & Co. KG and in 2011 Head of the Metal Engineering Division.

In his function as a voestalpine Management Board member, Kainersdorfer developed the Metal Engineering Division into the world's sole supplier of complete railway infrastructure systems, including digital signaling and safety technology, making a significant contribution to positioning voestalpine as an international technology group. With the opening of the world's most modern wire rolling mill in September 2017, the division under Franz Kainersdorfer's leadership set the international benchmark for fully automated wire production at the Leoben-Donawitz site and took a further step in expanding its quality leadership in this segment. With the current construction of a new high-tech continuous casting line and the implementation of a new steel research lab, Kainersdorfer is already providing momentum for the future of the traditional Styrian site.