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## **Gastronomy expert Altherr dies at age 58**

The death of gastronomy expert and entrepreneur Oliver Altherr, 58, has caused great shock and sadness. Thomas Mack, Managing Partner of Europa-Park and CEO of Eatrenalin, says: "The sudden death of Oliver Altherr has deeply saddened us. We are losing, in him, a very good friend, an amazing human being and one of the international gastronomy scene's greats". Oliver Altherr, co-partner and CEO of Eatrenalin, passed away suddenly on New Year's Day. Oliver Altherr was key in building Eatrenalin up and developing it. He was a unique strategist and had a first-class reputation in international gastronomy. "For us, Oliver Altherr was a stroke of luck. His foresight, his unerring instinct for trends and his creative thinking had a meaningful impact on the project. He was a maker with a vision and a man with his feet on the ground," says Thomas Mack.

Oliver Altherr's career began with a remarkable victory in the German Young Chefs' Championship, followed by stints at top-class restaurants in France, Hong Kong, Mexico and Hawaii. Shortly afterwards, he moved into management, where he made a name for himself as a visionary leader. As CEO of Marché International AG for many years, Oliver Altherr was responsible for more than 220 establishments in 12 countries and, therefore, for 3,500 employees. He always had a clear sense of guests' interests and gastronomy. His theme always was creative new concepts. Oliver Altherr knew the whole industry. Trained as a chef, he was a host through and through. His career began with winning the German Young Chefs' Championship and, soon enough, he'd already made the successful move into management. His numerous successes notwithstanding, he remained a chef to the last. His commitment, ideas and untiring endeavour have touched the industry profoundly.

Thomas Mack: "Oliver Altherr has conveyed unbelievably many impulses and ideas to us. Day in, day out, we felt his love for his job. We mourn his loss and will continue to run our Eatrenalin, very much bearing his signature, in his spirit with the same passion and dedication he showed us. The thoughts of all the Mack family and all our employees are with his family, wife and children".