

Around the world in 175 years -

Constantin Wild celebrates with international guests and a colourful program

From 8 to 10 July 2022, Constantin Wild GmbH & Co. KG celebrated its 175th company anniversary. As a highlight, the evening gala on 9 July crowned the far-reaching history and family tradition. At the historic Weiherschleife, Constantin Wild took his guests on an incredible journey through time to the most distant places and the rarest gemstones that mean the world to the Wild family.

The story of Constantin Wild GmbH & Co. KG as we know it today begins in 1847 when Johann Carl Wild founded J.C. Wild IX. Today's owner Constantin "Conte" Wild is the fourth generation to lead the company, representing the tenth generation of a family deeply rooted in Idar-Oberstein and the international gemstone industry. Like no other, the name Wild shapes the world of the most exclusive and rarest gemstones, with its own manufacture and excellence that is second to none.

The company's key to success is, without doubt, the passion for the most sparkling of all colours and, beyond that, the deep trust that connects the Wild family with their long-standing business partners. Some 600 guests from the jewellery and gemstone industry – and from the four corners of the world – joined Conte Wild to celebrate the special occasion in Idar-Oberstein, the international cradle of gemstones to date.

The festive weekend began on Friday evening. After more than two years of restrictions because of the pandemic, Constantin Wild could finally welcome long-time friends, business partners and companions in person again. The congratulators from home and abroad met for an informal get-together in Conte Wild's charming garden and enjoyed the reunion until late.

On Saturday night, Constantin Wild welcomed the guests to the big anniversary celebrations at the Weiherschleife – to take them on an emotional journey: 175 years of fascination and passion for the rarest and most precious gems on earth, remarkable people, distant places and strong feelings. With prominent personalities such as Katerina Perez, Paola de Luca, Caterina Mureno, Doris Hangartner and Marcelo Bernades, the ride went back to the future – of the Wild family and the most beautiful gemstones. Musically, the Casino-Salon Orchestra and the Simon Höneß band accompanied the time travel with hits from ere-yesterday and yesterday to today. A historical film in the small cinema and a tour of the mineral grotto rounded off the festive event.

On his time travel, Constantin shared his memories of the company's 125th-anniversary celebrations – and the words with which his father, who experienced two world wars, concluded his speech at the time: "Most of all, however, my hope and sincere wish are, that never again will a war destroy all hope and success" – this hope died on 24 February 2022.

Constantin Wild introduces TEARS OF HOPE, the precious piece of jewellery by Caterina Mureno, for which he gave an excellent 4.58-carat Brazilian rubellite. The jewel will be auctioned, and the proceeds will benefit Ukrainian refugees.

The Farewell Brunch at the host's garden on Sunday marked the cordial conclusion of the warm-hearted festivities – the finale of an anniversary party filled with friendship, trust, the strong passion for the most beautiful, rarest and brightest wonders of nature and the great joy of reunion - a collection of beautiful moments to be remembered for a long time.

TEARS OF HOP charity

Caterina Murino is an actress, playing as Bond Girl alongside Daniel Craig in Casino Royale. She is a jewellery designer with a degree from the renowned National Institute of Gemology in Paris. But first and foremost, she is a Sardinian – through her CMI jewellery line, Caterina Murino keeps the art of filigree, the millennia-old Sardinian artisan tradition, alive

TEARS OF HOPE unites millennia-old craftsmanship and millennia-old beauty of nature:

Exclusively for the 175th anniversary of Constantin Wild GmbH & Co. KG, Caterina Murino created a unique gold brooch which also can be worn as a pendant. All in the Sardinian filigree tradition, it was made by hand. The filigree masters wove an excellent 4.58-carat Brazilian rubellite and a small diamond into the delicate gold threads.

The filigree jewel is a unique piece with a particular value: it will be auctioned for the benefit of Ukrainian refugees. The auction ends on Saturday, 20 August 2022, at 12:00 MET on www.constantinwild.com.

GEMS, COLOURS & WILD STORIES:

For this special anniversary, Constantin Wild published the precious coffee-table book: *Gems, Colours & Wild Stories – 175 years of Constantin Wild* through arnoldsche Art Publishers, Stuttgart. In the book, Constantin Wild takes the readers on an exciting journey into the world of precious gems. Annotator and storyteller all in one, it summarizes all aspects of the stone through each and every life cycle, informative, entertaining and diverting. The book is a priceless piece of writing speaking luxury by masterly combining the characteristics of books and a glossy magazine into an elegant whole.

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Constantin Wild GmbH & Co KG:

Over four hundred years and ten generations of gemstone cutters, goldsmiths and gemstone merchants have left their mark on Constantin Wild GmbH & Co. KG. Since 1996, Constantin Wild has been at the helm of the family business founded by his great-grandfather Johann Carl as J.C. Wild IX in Idar in 1847. He represents the tenth generation of the Wild dynasty, which has shaped the international world of gemstones like to other to this date.

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