

ORLEN Deutschland donates over 135,000 euros during 13-years of player sponsorship for a good cause

Elmshorn/Kiel, 29 July 2025 – A unique and heartfelt chapter in the German Handball Bundesliga has come to a close: after 13 years, ORLEN Deutschland's extraordinary player sponsorship with THW Kiel icon Patrick Wiencek has concluded - culminating in over €135,000 in donations to support children battling cancer at the University Medical Centre Schleswig-Holstein (UKSH).

Since 2012, ORLEN Deutschland has donated €100 for every Bundesliga goal scored by Wiencek. Over the years, this initiative has funded vital projects for the UKSH paediatric oncology department, including a dedicated training room and a sports and exercise programme to support young patients during their treatment.

"It is incredible how much we have achieved together over the years. My thanks go to everyone who launched this unique campaign in 2012, who have supported it ever since and thus made it possible. Every time I visited the children's cancer ward at the UKSH, I felt how important our commitment is to everyone there. When I saw the seriously ill children and young people, I always realized how privileged my own life is. Helping them has always filled me with joy and gratitude. And I am thrilled that this campaign will continue after my career ends," says Patrick Wiencek.

To mark the end of this remarkable partnership, a symbolic cheque for €17,000 - a tribute to Wiencek's jersey number 17 - was presented at his official farewell match by Wiencek himself and ORLEN Deutschland COO Dennis Kulbach to Prof. Dr Gunnar Cario of UKSH. The former THW Kiel captain also showed immense personal dedication, regularly visiting children at the hospital throughout his career.

"With the player sponsorship, we have created something unique and achieved so much together over the years. We know that every single euro has done a lot of good and supported the valuable work at UKSH," said Dennis Kulbach, Chief Executive Officer of ORLEN Deutschland. "I would like to sincerely thank Patrick for his commitment - on and off the court. ORLEN Deutschland wishes him all the best for his future."

Continued Commitment: Andreas Wolff Joins the Campaign

The initiative doesn't end here. Since the 2024/25 season, ORLEN Deutschland has also sponsored national team goalkeeper Andreas Wolff, pledging €300 for every 7-metre save he makes. With 22 penalty saves over 34 games this season, Wolff raised €8,000, bringing the total donation amount for the year to a record €25,000. The farewell game, held in front of a sold-out crowd at Wunderino Arena in Kiel, showcased the deep solidarity of the campaign, with Wiencek's "Piet & Friends" all-star team proudly wearing the logos of ORLEN Deutschland and UKSH.

"This year-long sponsorship has enabled us to systematically develop individual sports and exercise therapy as the fourth pillar of our work to cure children and adolescents with cancer, starting with the first piece of equipment - a high-quality bicycle ergometer - to setting up a complete fitness room and co-financing a sports scientist for our team. This is truly unique," says Prof. Dr. Gunnar Cario, Director of the Clinic for Pediatric Oncology and Rheumatology at the UKSH.

ORLEN Deutschland and THW Kiel share a partnership spanning over 14 years. Since 2016, the company has been the main and jersey sponsor of the German record handball champions - a sponsorship that was extended early in February 2025 for another five years, until 2030.



Picture (v.l.n.r.): Mascot Hein Daddel, Andreas Wolff (THW Kiel), Dennis Kulbach (ORLEN Deutschland), Patrick Wiencek (THW Kiel) und Prof. Dr. Gunnar Cario (UKSH).
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In keeping with the claim "Moving forward together", ORLEN and star filling stations offer high-quality fuels as well as their own shop products at an attractive price-performance ratio. ORLEN Deutschland is increasingly focussing on the expansion of electromobility offerings, alternative, sustainable fuels and the environmentally friendly use of resources. Customers receive additional services such as car washing, ATM and package

services at many stations. Filling stations with 'star café' and 'stop.café' invite customers to take a break in a feel-good atmosphere and offer coffee specialties throughout the day, a wide selection of food, as well as hot and cold snacks.

ORLEN S.A. further expanded its market position in the DACH region at the beginning of 2024 with the acquisition of Turmöl fuel stations. With over 260 stations, ORLEN has a market share of around 10% in Austria, making it one of the three largest owners of fuel station networks in the country.

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