

**DECEMBER 2019** 



## Technical Manager on welldeserved retirement

## After more than 40 years "in service", 65-year-old Allan Nielsen has decided to retire from his post by the end of 2019

Product development, professional technical advisory, networking, partnerships, sustainability accompanied by a constantly positive attitude in every relation. These are just some of the many labels to fit Allan Nielsen's long and lasting contribution to generate ongoing security for Alfix' Scandinavian business partners.

## Laboratory technician, tile fixer and culture bearer

Allan started his career as laboratory technician and soon enhanced his education with a job as bricklayer and tile fixer. This combination has proved unique and formed a strong base in Allan's work as technical manager, being head of both product development and the technical advisory team at Alfix for decades. According to CCO, Anders Bertelsen Toft, a major culture bearer is about to sign off.

"Allan was employed in 1979 and, hence, we could celebrate his 40-years Alfix jubilee in January 2019 – an exceptional accomplishment and an important mile stone to both him and the company. Through all these years, Allan has been an extremely competent, persistent, innovative and well-respected employee who enjoys general recognition and respect from the entire trade – throughout Scandinavia. We will miss him from a professional as well as a personal point of view, and he is one of the most significant culture bearers and beacons in the 56-year-old history of this company".



### Co-operation with the owner-family

The technical manager states the following about his many years in the company:

"It has been an incredible journey and a privilege to be employed in a family business – and very close to the family. The founder Hans Carstensen Toft was my first employer at Alfix. And as Torben Carstensen Toft took over the leadership of the company back in 1984, he naturally became my next employer and superior, and at this time I also became part of the managing team. During the last couple of years Anders Bertelsen Toft has been my nearest superior, and it has indeed been a pleasure to work in close co-operation with the family and a true honour to end my career with 3 heads of business and 3 generations" tells Allan Nielsen.

#### **Active retiree**

The senior life, which officially starts on 1st January 2020, is foreseen to be an active life. Allan has a large network and apart from a passionate interest in creative cooking, he generally enjoys to exercise. Both running and swimming is part of his weekly schedule. The new time to come will be spend together with his wife Pia at home in Kolding, in his holiday home and on vacations with friends and family.

"We thank Allan for his long loyalty to our family and the company, and we wish him all the best for his future life. Hopefully, he will pay us many and regular visits here at the factory on H.C. Ørsteds Vej in Kolding. Alfix has a senior club of former employees who participates in some of the companyrelated events, and Allan is a natural soon-to-be member of this club", says Anders Toft.

Allan's retirement and last working day will be celebrated at an internal event at Alfix on Friday 20th December 2019.





## New head of Research & Development and Technical Services Department

Head of development and research Frank Pingel will take over Allan's seat in the managing team. Frank is chemical engineer and has been employed with Alfix for 25 years. He takes over the entire responsibility for Research & Development and Technical Services Department. In future, the technical department will consist of Technical Manager Flemming Ilsøe (structural engineer) and Project Manager Mikael Noe (tile fixer and constructing architect).



# Popular Pro Club events throughout the country

End November this year, Team Alfix paid a visit to Bornholm, Copenhagen and Hjørring in Northern Jutland. The ever-topical theme was large-sized tiles, and the seminars were conducted in co-operation with professional tool suppliers. Close to 100 tile fixers participated in all – a very satisfactory and impressive attendance.

We would like to thank the many attending tile fixers as well as our business partners who all have contributed to and enabled these professionally interesting and useful meetings, characterized by good talks, informal networking and social relationships.

2020 will see more Pro Club meetings – both at the factory in Kolding and on other locations in Denmark. For more details visit our web site and follow us on Facebook and LinkedIn.

The number of club members is growing rapidly. If you are a tile fixer and not yet member of this networking club, happily join in by sending a mail to Marketing coordinator Steen B. Thrysøe – sbt@alfix.dk. please state name and company name.



# Alfix at the Danish building trade fair BYGGERI 20 – March 2020

On 10 – 13th March 2020 Alfix participates at BYGGERI'20 – the largest Danish building trade fair in Fredericia and once again, we have prepared several exciting news. Please mark your calendar to remember this important event. We welcome you at the Alfix stand D-6320 and as usual, we will be ready to serve you a cup of good sustainable barista-made coffee – we look forward to seeing you.

# **Merry Christmas**

Due to Christmas Holidays, Alfix will be closed from Friday the 20th December 2019. As from Thursday the 2nd January 2020 we will be back and ready to serve our many good customers and business partners.

Alfix would like to thank for a good, active and eventful year of 2019, and we wish you all a Merry Christmas and a very strong New Year.