

INTERVIEW WITH DR.-ING. ANDREAS RUDOLPH

founding shareholder & managing director until 2020

1. What plans and ideas did you have when you founded the company?

Independence has always been my incentive and drive. I have a passion for plants and equipment – my focus at the time of foundation was on production, development, and manufacturing. Further twists of fate gave the impetus: the opening of the Berlin wall, my esteemed partners, who were both students with me beforehand, the lucky circumstance of sufficient subsidies in 1990 and the readiness of my wife and family to accompany me in my adventure and to support me with specialized accounting competence from the beginning.

2. How do you assess the development over the last 30 years, and also with a look towards the future?

My expectations at the start of the company were completely exceeded. Topas is in the best possible position: for one thing, we are in a growth market. In addition, globalization and the accompanying regulations are pushing for increased measurement and testing – exactly what we like to do as experts in aerosol technologies and particle measurement. It was also important for me to get out of the “small-scale”: I wanted to grow with Topas, develop a broad portfolio, expand networks and use synergy effects. That is exactly where we are today.

3. What do you wish Topas for the future?

All the best, of course. In concrete terms, this means that Topas will remain independent. And that innovations will continue to be the driving force and basis for our independence in the future.