



Manuel Merkt; Executive VP Operations; Hermle Machine Company, LLC

A Native of Germany, Manuel Merkt began developing his industrial engineering background through a traditional 3.5-year dual apprenticeship program with Hermle AG in Germany. Hermle is a German machine tool manufacturer, specialized in high-end 5-Axis CNC machines. Through the apprenticeship, Manuel gained skills in the trade of an Industrial Electrician. In 2004, Hermle AG-Germany hired Manuel full time as an electrician in their machine assembly where he worked for over 1.5 years. In 2006 Manuel furthered his studies at the University of Applied Science in Constance (Germany) and spent almost one year at the partner University in Coventry, UK where he graduated in 2009 with a Bachelor in European Engineering Studies. One Year later in 2010 Manuel graduated from the University of Applied Science Constance with a Bachelor of Engineering. While studying, Manuel was always employed by Hermle and gained valuable skills by working in the companies multiple industrial departments making him a multi-faceted employee.

His original plan was to start in the sales department as a Junior Sales Manager in Germany, but the opportunity arose for him to move to the US to work in the US subsidiary of Hermle AG. Manuel moved to Milwaukee, WI at the end of 2010 and joined Hermle Machine Company as an Executive Assistant. His extensive knowledge in the product as well as his strong ties to the headquarters in Germany allowed Manuel to establish himself quickly and effortlessly within the company. In 2014 Manuel was promoted to the Operations Manager and in 2016 took on the role of the Executive VP Operations at Hermle Machine Company.

Manuel serves on the board of directors for the German Immersion Foundation of Milwaukee, is on the board of directors of the German American Chamber of Commerce Wisconsin Chapter and is heavily involved in the Franklin Business Park Consortium.

Manuel is married to his wife, Emily, and has two sons in the age of 3.5 and 1. His personal interests besides his family include playing and watching soccer, team handball, biking and music.