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CEO of Kosan Gas retires and a new chief executive takes the helm

After a highly successful career in the European gas industry, Per Offersen, CEO of Kosan Gas, is now retiring. Beth Reid will take over the reins as CEO with responsibility for both AvantiGas and Kosan Gas, which both belong under the new North Region in UGI International.

After four eventful decades in the gas industry, Per Offersen is now leaving his position as CEO of Kosan Gas to enter retirement. A distinctive figure, widely recognised for his hands-on management style and very high level of professional competence, has thus left his last mark on the international energy sector.

Per Offersen will be replaced by English Beth Reid, who will head both AvantiGas and Kosan Gas, both of which are part of the US group UGI International.

A career marked by great results

During his long career, Per Offersen has had decisive influence on the European gas industry, not least as part of BP Gas's global management team and as chairman of the board of directors in several European gas companies. With a steady hand at the helm of Kosan Gas, he has also steered the company back to its original DNA after a period of changing owners.

Per Offersen's career in Kosan Gas began in 1986, when he joined the company as Chief Financial Officer. Three years later, when the company was acquired by the energy group BP Gas, BP's management entrusted him with the task of integrating the two companies. In 1995, he became CEO of BP Gas in Denmark and, in 2003, he was appointed Director of the whole Northern European region, with overall managerial responsibility for Denmark, Benelux, Germany, Austria, Poland and the UK.

When BP Gas was sold to the US energy company UGI Corporation in 2010, the company reacquired the name Kosan Gas a/s – still with Per Offersen at the head of the table. At the same time, Per Offersen strengthened his international commitments, including as chairman of the boards of directors in Flaga Gaz Polska and AmeriGas Polska, both subsidiaries of UGI International.

"I'm proud to be able to look back on a period in which both Kosan Gas and the gas industry in general have achieved large, important results – not least thanks to the dedicated colleagues I have had the pleasure of working with over the years. I'm now confidently leaving the helm to others," says Per Offersen.

Profile with an eye for business development

Beth Reid began her career in AvantiGas in 2014 as Director of Marketing and Business Development. She has been engaged in the latter activity area in UGI International in the past years, most recently with responsibility for UGI's International Energy Marketing Division and the Dutch energy company DVEP Energie. Beth Reid will now take over the overall responsibility for both AvantiGas and Kosan Gas in the UK and the Nordic countries.

"LPG already plays a crucial role in reducing CO₂ emissions by converting from heavy fossil energy sources such as oil and coal. With bioLPG, which is extracted from residual products of sustainable raw materials, we can do even better. I'm looking forward to working with Kosan Gas as well, and, in particular, to continuing our contribution as a bridge builder to the greener energy of the future," says Beth Reid.







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About Kosan Gas:

- The leading Nordic supplier of LPG
- The company has deep roots in Nordic gas history. It has supplied gas to companies and private consumers for more than 90 years
- Kosan Gas is owned by the US energy company UGI Corporation. The Nordic head office is located in Viby near Aarhus, and there is a filling station in Esbjerg and sales offices in Oslo, Gothenburg and Helsinki