

## **HygieneFirst philosophy**

The ultimate hygienic performance

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The philosophy which guides us internally and protects our customers.

It is ACO's commitment to ultimate hygienic performance.

## ACO. The future of drainage

### ACO CREATES SOLUTIONS FOR TOMORROW'S REQUIREMENTS.

ACO is the global leader in drainage solutions. We are committed to addressing future needs and to raising industry standards. In the food sector, ACO addresses the changes in food consumption preferences and the increasing importance placed on hygiene and hygienic design.

Our solutions tackle two of the food industry's biggest concerns: reducing the risk of food contamination and optimizing cleaning costs. We incorporate hygienic design principles that are normally reserved for food contact equipment because we believe that hygienic performance is essential. As the future of drainage company we are committed to raising industry standards with regard to hygienic drainage.

We call it HygieneFirst philosophy.

THE FUTURE  
DRAINAGE SOLUTIONS





APPLYING DESIGN PRINCIPLES  
RESERVED FOR FOOD EQUIPMENT

## HygieneFirst philosophy

### OUR COMMITMENT TO ULTIMATE HYGIENIC PERFORMANCE

ACO designs solutions with cost efficiency in mind but with absolutely no compromise in terms of food safety.

Drainage systems are a particularly important niche for the persistence of listeria and can be a source of food contamination. Yet drainage is often out of sight and therefore out of mind. Poorly specified drainage leads to costly ongoing cleaning and maintenance and at worst it can result in food contamination.

ACO addresses the hygienic performance of floor drains and applies the design principles reserved for food contact equipment on them to deliver fully hygienic solutions. Our complete portfolio allows us to safely control water as it passes along the system to ensure it can be ecologically and economically reused in a viable way.



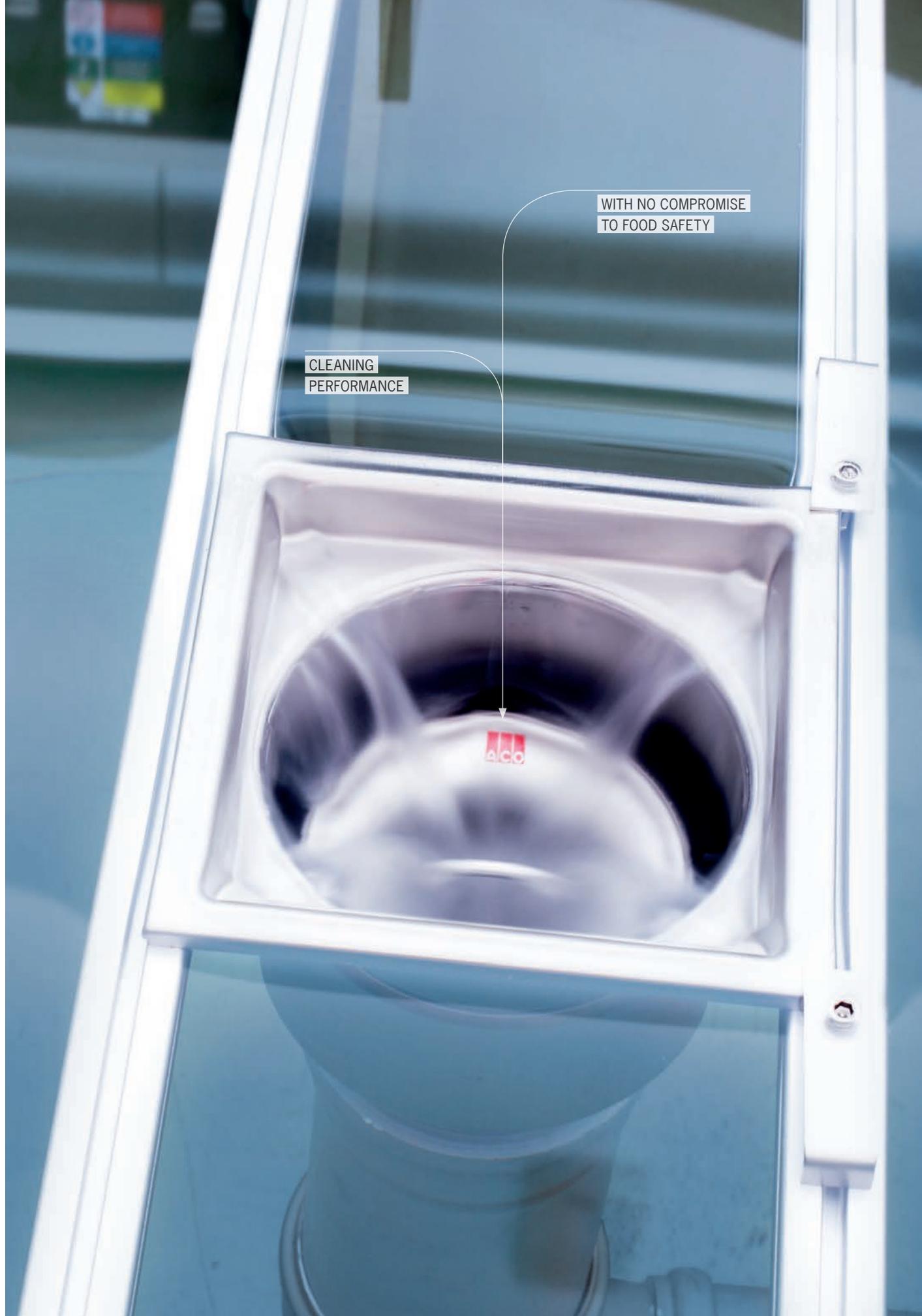
## Research & Development

### DELIVERING THE FUTURE OF DRAINAGE

ACO employs extensive research and product innovation to stay at the cutting edge of drainage design and deliver “the future of drainage”. Our aim is to understand how drainage acts in different environments so we minimize potential threats and optimize cleaning performance.

As a result, we are running a research project with Campden BRI where our aim is to understand how bacteria act inside drainage. We also cooperate with world leading sanitation experts to improve our cleaning performance.

All these activities give our R&D teams feedback about the latest trends and insights, and allow us to stay true to our commitment to delivering the ultimate hygienic performance.





## Production competence

### TECHNOLOGY AND CRAFTSMANSHIP ARE AT THE HEART OF OUR BUSINESS

All of our knowledge and expertise about hygiene and drainage integration is incorporated into product design, which comes to life in our purpose built production facilities.

ACO uses advanced technologies to ensure customers get the very highest quality products. Stainless steel is cut on three axes laser machines. Round internal corners larger than 3mm are deep drawn. Welding is done by automated welding robots.

With more than 30 years experience of stainless steel manufacturing, ACO continuously adopts new technologies and processes to support our HygieneFirst philosophy and to ensure our products deliver the ultimate hygienic performance.

30 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS  
TECHNOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENT



## Service & Support

### UNDERSTANDING AND HELPING WITH ALL ASPECTS CONCERNING DRAINAGE

We're always happy to put our expertise at the service of our partners whether they are sellers and distributors, public health engineers, architects, planners or work in the trades. This not only helps us simplify our customer's working day, but also enables us to safeguard the quality and the market leadership of ACO solutions.

We understand that proper installation and maintenance is equally important as hygienic design. As a result, our training programs are developed together with world leading experts to ensure the hygienic performance of our solutions throughout their whole product life span.

Understanding and helping with all aspects concerning drainage is important to us, it is a part of our HygieneFirst philosophy.



THE HYGIENIC PERFORMANCE  
THROUGHOUT THE WHOLE  
PRODUCT LIFE SPAN





SHARING THE KNOWLEDGE  
RAISING INDUSTRY STANDARDS

## Partnership

### AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF THE COMMUNITY

ACO plays an active part of the food sector's professional community. ACO is a member of EHEDG where we help to define future guidelines for hygienic drainage. We are also a member of the FCSI where we help to educate food service consultants through CPD programs.

We initiate and join training programs around the world to improve the understanding of drainage systems and their impact on food safety and cost reduction. Our global network allows us to support both local and global business and literally go where our customers go.

Our HygieneFirst philosophy is not about the product design only. It is about sharing knowledge and raising industry standards.



## ACO Group

### STRONG AND GLOBAL FAMILY ENTERPRISE

ACO has a presence in over 40 countries, with a total of 29 production sites on four continents and a workforce of 3,900 people. This global network helps us ensure that we always see the markets from close up, through the eyes of our customers, and can serve both global and local companies.

As a family enterprise, ACO can develop and implement long term strategies like HygieneFirst without bending to external pressure. Our success proves us right. Thanks to internationalization and diversification we can balance out large fluctuations in local construction sector markets and stabilize our expansion course.

ACO stands for professional drainage, efficient cleaning and the controlled discharge or reuse of water. ACO is the future of drainage.



GLOBAL FAMILY  
ENTERPRISE

Annual Building Drainage Conference  
ACO Thormannhalle, Rendsburg, Germany





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