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# 20 People to Know in Manufacturing: Teresa Huber, Intervala



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Teresa Huber, president and CEO, Intervala LLC

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*Teresa Huber has led Intervala LLC since its founding in 2016 and has overseen its doubling its revenue over the past two years. Intervala is a manufacturer of complex, high-performance printed circuit board assemblies, electromechanical systems, and cable and harness assemblies. Prior to Intervala, Huber was CEO at TMG Electronics and a vice president with LaBarge Inc.*

## **As an electrical engineer by training, what attracted you to a manufacturing career?**

I knew from a young age that I wanted to run a company. But it wasn't until my father took me to work with him one day that I fell in love with engineering. That experience really put me on the path to finding my passion for manufacturing.

## **What led you to Intervala?**

I became part of Intervala's predecessor company in 2002 when I joined as COO. Fast-forward several years, I had moved on to other ventures when I learned the current owners were planning to shut down the business. I continued to believe in the organization's tremendous growth potential. Long story short, several partners and I joined to acquire the business and continue operations and, in early 2016, Intervala was born.

## **What advantages or disadvantages are there for your firm operating, expanding and growing here in the Pittsburgh region?**

Including previous ownerships, Intervala has operated in the Pittsburgh region for more than 30 years. It's a great place to do business. The adaptability of the region and support for manufacturing and tech are amazing. Although the overall labor force has been shrinking for many years, Pittsburgh has many appealing qualities, including a strong skilled workforce, attractive tax rate and support from an impressive network of public-private partnerships.

## **What are you most excited about for Intervala looking into the next year?**

We're problem-solvers, and we dedicate ourselves to finding new, achievable ways of solving our customers' manufacturing challenges, some of which are very technically tough. These capabilities and our culture fuel our growth, and we have seen tremendous growth over the last several years, even during the pandemic. Looking ahead, we are excited by the opportunities we see to continue to do what we love and grow by helping our customers be successful.

## **From your bookshelf: What are you reading now or what would you recommend as a good read?**

"Start with Why: How Great Leaders Inspire Everyone to Take Action" by Simon Sinek. In this book, Sinek explains why individuals and organizations that are purpose-driven and able to communicate that purpose (the "why" behind what they do) are often more successful than those who don't. His proposition resonates with me as it offers new insights into why Intervala's unique, customer-centric culture is the source of our sustained success.