

**T**wenty-five years ago, a twenty-three year old biology student revolutionized the world of paragliding when he made his first wing. His name was Hannes Papesh. For twenty-five years he worked for the successful Austrian company Nova, designing the CXC, Phantom, Phönix, Sphynx, Philou, Phocus, Xenon, Tycoon, Rookie, Mamboo and the Mentors, which gave this make its reputation.

From now on, but still keeping an interest in Nova, he is embarking on some new activities. It seems certain that he'll continue designing paragliders. 'After twenty five years, I'm half way through my professional career,' he reminded us.



## HANNES PAPESH LEAVES NOVA

His place at Nova will, from now on, be filled by Philipp Medicus, a former sailplane pilot who's thrown himself into paragliding. He has participated for years in the successful development of the Mentor 2, the Mentor 3 and the Prion 2. According to Nova, this thirty three year old young designer developed the Ion 3 by himself.

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