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Award for innovative power: Fire protection specialist WAGNER honored with TOP 100 Award

- **WAGNER Group GmbH is one of the most innovative medium-sized companies in Germany**
- **Scientific procedure proves high innovative strength of the solution and system provider for holistic fire protection solutions**
- **Ceremonial presentation of the TOP 100 Award at the German SME Summit on June 23, 2023 by science journalist Ranga Yogeshwar**

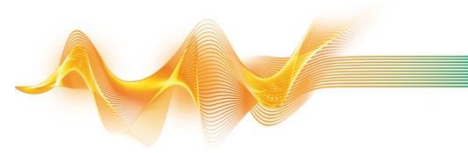
Langenhagen. In its application for the award as one of the 100 most innovative medium-sized companies in Germany, WAGNER Group GmbH was able to convince the scientific jury with its above-average innovative capacity, especially in the category "Innovation-promoting top management". The company was honored for its innovative strength with the TOP 100 Award at the festive prize giving ceremony in Augsburg on June 23. The award was presented by Ranga Yogeshwar - a renowned German science journalist who is the mentor of the competition.

The TOP 100 seal is the only independent, scientific prize for innovation management in Germany and is being presented for the 30th time this year. A jury of scientific experts evaluate innovative strength on the basis of more than a hundred test criteria in the five categories of innovation-promoting top management, innovation climate, innovative processes and organization, external orientation/open innovation and innovation success. Future viability on the market is also considered an important decision criterion for the award.

WAGNER has been developing and implementing holistic fire protection solutions since 1976 and has established itself as an innovative solution and system provider with around 700 employees at 22 locations in 14 countries worldwide. In the field of fire detection and fire prevention, the group of companies is one of the technology leaders with more than 700 patents.

In the assessments of innovation management, however, it is not so much the innovative products and system solutions that count; rather, the focus on innovative processes, open innovation, and innovation promotion and climate are decisive. In the results of the WAGER Group, the area of "Innovation-promoting top management" is particularly eye-catching with the top grade A+ , as is – also with a particularly high rating – the topic of "Innovative processes and organization".

Dipl.-Ing. Torsten Wagner, Managing Director and shareholder of the GmbH, was visibly pleased after receiving the award: "When developing our current corporate strategy a few years ago, we gave the issue of innovation a high priority and anchored it in our goals by establishing the staff unit "Innovation & Knowledge". We now see that this has already borne numerous fruits, both in terms of our processes and our innovative fire protection solutions. I would like to quote briefly here from the evaluation by the jury: *'The present innovation balance sheet shows that WAGNER Group GmbH is a*



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company that takes the topic of innovation seriously. The differences to the "average" medium-sized company are large and remarkable.' This not only pleases me and my colleagues from the management board, but the whole #teamWAGNER. However, there is no reason for us to rest on our laurels. On the contrary: we continue to focus on the task of maintaining our technology and innovation leadership and constantly developing further. We want to play an active role in shaping the rapid changes resulting from increasing digitization, automation, new technologies, energy efficiency and sustainability. We still see some potential that we would like to exploit for ourselves – but above all for the benefit of our customers and the environment. Thus, we will continue to offer the better solution in fire protection in the long term."

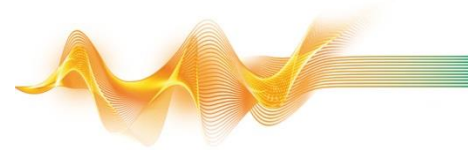
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Caption: Torsten Wagner (left) and Steffen Springer (right), both Managing Directors of WAGNER Group GmbH, and Dagmar Wolf, Head of Corporate Communications, accept the award from Ranga Yogeshwar.
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Caption: The certificate honors WAGNER Group GmbH as Top Innovator 2023.



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TOP 100: the competition

Since 1993, compamedia has been awarding the TOP 100 seal of approval to medium-sized companies for special innovative strength and above-average innovation success. Since 2002, scientific management has been in the hands of Prof. Dr. Nikolaus Franke. Franke is the founder and director of the Institute for Entrepreneurship and Innovation at the Vienna University of Economics and Business Administration and is one of the leading international innovation researchers. The mentor of TOP 100 is the science journalist Ranga Yogeshwar. Project partners are the Fraunhofer Society for the Promotion of Applied Research and the BVMW association of small and medium-sized enterprises.

About WAGNER

Since 1976, WAGNER Group GmbH, headquartered in Langenhagen (Germany), has been developing and implementing integrated fire protection solutions and has established itself as an innovative solution and system provider with around 700 employees at 22 locations in 14 countries worldwide. In the field of fire detection and fire prevention, WAGNER group is one of the technology leaders with more than 700 patents. The core competence is in the area of technical fire protection. Here, WAGNER develops individual solutions based on its own products and systems in the fields of fire detection (TITANUS®), fire prevention (OxyReduct®), fire extinguishing (FirExting®) and organization/hazard management (VisuLAN®).

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