

TOP 100 Award officially handed over to Schmidt & Heinzmann

Bruchsal, Germany 26.06.2023: On June 23rd, the TOP 100 Innovation Awards were presented at the German SME Summit in Augsburg. The award ceremony honors all medium-sized companies that received the TOP 100 seal at the beginning of the year. In the competition, which was held for the 30th time, Schmidt & Heinzmann particularly impressed in the category “External Orientation / Open Innovation”.

The TOP 100 company portrait published on the occasion of the award states (excerpt):

Schmidt & Heinzmann manufactures innovative, customized production systems and automation solutions for the fiber-reinforced plastics industry. CEO Matthias Feil and his approximately 100 employees are not the only ones to decide where the company will go in the future. “The customer defines the innovation, not us. Only he can decide whether a new product will bring him an advantage or a sustainable improvement,” says Feil. That’s why we involve users with easy-to-use digital surveys. In this way, the two-time TOP 100 innovator can better take their focus into account, ensure alignment with needs and meet the requirement of a short time-to-market. Feil accepts the fact that he has to show his cards a little when he makes five to six concrete proposals for innovation projects to his customers. Because his goal is a higher one: „We always want to be the best and constantly increase the gap to our competitors.”

See the complete company portrait at: www.top100.de/die-top-innovatoren.



Dr. Tobias Fürst, CTO bei Schmidt & Heinzmann (right) accept the award from science journalist and mentor of the TOP 100 competition Ranga Yogeshwar (left).

Picture: KD Busch / compamedia

TOP 100: der Wettbewerb TOP 100: the competition

Since 1993 compamedia has been awarding the TOP 100 Award to medium-sized companies for particularly innovative strength and above-average innovation successes. Since 2002, the

scientific management has been in the hands of Prof. Dr. Nikolaus Franke. He is founder and director of the Institute for Entrepreneurship and Innovation of Vienna University of Economics and Business. With 26 research awards and over 200 publications, he is one of the world's leading innovation researchers. Mentor of TOP 100 is the scientific journalist Ranga Yogeshwar. Project partners are the "Fraunhofer-Gesellschaft zur Förderung der angewandten Forschung" (Fraunhofer-Gesellschaft for the Promotion of Applied Research) and the „Mittelstandsverband BVMW“ (Association of medium-sized companies). The magazines for "manager magazine", "impulse" and "Zeit für Unternehmer" accompany the company competition as media partners.

About Schmidt & Heinzmann

Schmidt & Heinzmann has been developing and producing innovative tailor-made production machinery and automation solutions for the fiber-reinforced plastics industry for more than 50 years.

The product portfolio includes:

- Cutting systems for all kind of fibers
- SMC production machinery
- Automated cutting & stacking systems
- Deburring & Trimming Solutions
- Preforming systems for the automated production of textile preforms
- Automation solutions for composite cut and part handling
- Customized special solutions

Headquartered in Bruchsal, Germany, and with offices in the United States and China, Schmidt & Heinzmann generated a turnover of 20 million Euro in 2021 with more than 130 employees.

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