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Ranga Yogeshwar congratulates RAPA Automotive for being recognized in the TOP 100



*Award ceremony: Top 100 mentor Yanga Rogeschwar presented the award to RAPA board member Karin Wolf and Dr. Jochen Endrejat, RAPA head of R&D.
Photo: KD Busch / compamedia*

Honored at the German SME Summit: Ranga Yogeshwar pays tribute to RAPA Automotive from Selb on the occasion of its success in the TOP 100 innovation competition. The award ceremony at the Summit took place on Friday evening, June 24, in Frankfurt am Main for all SMEs that were awarded the TOP 100 seal at the beginning of the year. The science journalist is accompanying the innovation competition, which is being held for the 29th time, as a mentor. In the scientific selection process, RAPA Automotive was particularly convincing in the size category C (more than 200 employees) in the category "Innovation-promoting top management"

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

For many automotive suppliers, being innovative meant only one thing for a long time: gradually optimizing their own processes and products. However, there is a danger of overlooking new megatrends, such as the fact that electric drives will replace the combustion engine in the long term and that autonomous driving is becoming increasingly important. RAPA Automotive, a family-owned company that has been active in the market for more than 100 years and is managed by the fourth generation of the founding Pausch family, therefore aligned its corporate strategy with these megatrends eight years ago.

The management initiated a strategic innovation process, in the course of which the product range changed significantly. In the meantime, the company no longer works predominantly on products for the powertrain, but primarily on systems for the active chassis. The focus here is on mechanical functionality for the development of components and systems. These primarily contribute to optimizing performance-oriented driving characteristics in a targeted manner and to increasing driving comfort as well as driving safety and reducing fuel consumption.

Click here for the full portrait: www.top100.de/die-top-innovatoren.

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. With 25 research awards and over 200 publications, he is one of the leading innovation researchers internationally. The mentor of TOP 100 is 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. The magazines manager magazin and impulse accompany the company comparison as media partners. More information and registration at www.top100.de.

Press fotos

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Fig.01: Top 100 mentor Yanga Rogeschwar presented the award to RAPA board member Karin Wolf and Dr. Jochen Endrejat, RAPA head of R&D. Photo: KD Busch / compamedia

Fig. 02: Science journalist Ranga Yogeshwar is a TOP 100 mentor and has been supporting the project since 2011. Photo: KD Busch / compamedia

Fig.03: TOP 100-Innovator 2022 Award

Fig.04: Certificate

Fig.05: Top 100 book portrait

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RAPA Automotive

RAPA Automotive is an internationally oriented medium-sized automotive supplier and a wholly owned subsidiary of the RAPA Group. The core business of the valve specialist is the development and series production of precision components and highly complex systems for chassis, powertrain and for comfort controls systems of the convertible top and trunk. The product portfolio in the field of mechatronic chassis systems includes the chassis components active suspension, controlled damping and stabilization systems such as level control and roll stabilization. These contribute above all to optimizing performance-oriented driving characteristics, increasing ride comfort and safety, and reducing fuel consumption. Key customers include leading first-tier suppliers and well-known automotive manufacturers such as Mercedes-Benz, Audi, Porsche, Jaguar-Land Rover and Tesla. RAPA Automotive is the largest and best-selling division of the group, contributing about 90% of sales. In 2021, RAPA generated sales of around 190 million euros. The division is managed by Dr. Roman Pausch and Karin Wolf. In addition to its German headquarters in Selb (Bavaria), RAPA is also represented by subsidiaries in North America and China. About 900 employees work in the division; worldwide, the medium-sized group with international sales employs nearly 1000 people.

RAPA Group

RAPA SE is the holding company - the strategic umbrella - of the medium-sized RAPA Group. The operative business is located in the subsidiaries RAPA Automotive, RAPA Healthcare and RAPA Industry. The RAPA Group operates internationally as a recognized engineering and technology partner for valve and fluid technology as well as a system supplier in the automotive, medical technology and manufacturing industry markets - for over 100 years. The range of services includes valves and complete mechatronic solutions for hydraulic and pneumatic applications. Core competence is customer-specific product development for customized solutions and series production at competitive prices. Dr. Roman Pausch

heads the family-owned company in dual leadership with Karin Wolf. RAPA generated sales of over 190 million euros in 2021. In addition to its headquarters in Selb, Bavaria, RAPA is represented by subsidiaries in North America and China. RAPA currently employs around 1000 people worldwide.

For more information, visit www.rapa.com