

Rittal awarded the 2024 “Top 100” seal

Rittal is one of Germany’s top innovators for the third time in a row

Herborn, 14 February 2024.

Rittal has been awarded the Top 100 seal for its innovative strength and sustainability following an independent scientific selection process. This means that the largest company in the Friedhelm Loh Group is again one of Germany’s 100 most innovative medium-sized companies for the third year in a row.

Herborn, 14 February 2024 – “Can companies create new products, services, processes and business opportunities? Are these achievements mere coincidences or the results of a structured and targeted approach? These are the questions we pursue at Top 100,” says innovation researcher Professor Nikolaus Franke. He and his team have already searched for and honoured the 100 best innovators in German SMEs on behalf of compamedia, which organises the competition.

Rittal has also been awarded the renowned “Top Innovator 2024” seal of approval for its sustainable innovative strength, particularly in the areas of innovative processes and organisation, and for its market position as a sustainable innovation leader. This makes Rittal, the enclosure and systems specialist from Herborn, one of Germany’s innovation champions for the fourth time.

It focuses on how panel builders, switchgear manufacturers and the machinery sector manage change pressures and challenges related to energy transition and digital transformation. Together with its sister companies Eplan, Cideon and German Edge Cloud, Rittal thinks along the lines of its clients’ processes, consistently optimising them to create sustainable added value across the value chain.

How does that fit together? By intelligently combining hardware and software. “Innovation is our contribution to the overall success of the customer. Products and solutions alone are no longer enough to remain competitive over the long term and to follow the path to the industrial future,” Markus Asch, CEO of Rittal International and Rittal Software Systems, explains. “We are very grateful that this could be seen during

the course of the study and that our company has received special recognition by being included in the Top 100.”

About the Top 100

The innovation contest is based on a methodical selection process, which evaluates mid-sized companies in five categories based on more than 100 test criteria: innovation-friendly top management, innovation climate, innovative processes and organisation, external focus, open innovation and innovation success.

Since 1993, compamedia has been awarding the Top 100 seal to medium-sized companies as the only independent prize for innovation management in Germany. Since 2002, the scientific management has been in the hands of innovation researcher Professor Nikolaus Franke, founder and head of the Institute for Entrepreneurship and Innovation at the Vienna University of Economics and Business. Project partners include the Fraunhofer Society for the Promotion of Applied Research and the BVMW association of medium-sized businesses, while science correspondent Ranga Yogeshwar is the competition’s mentor. He will present prizes to the top innovators at the award ceremony on 28 June 2024 at the ninth German SME Summit in Weimar.



Image 1 (fri241821400):
Markus Asch, CEO of Rittal International and Chairman of the Management Board, with Philipp Guth, CTO of Rittal.



Image 2 (fri24200200):
Rittal is one of Germany’s innovation champions for the fourth time.

Company profile

Rittal is a leading global supplier of enclosure systems, automation and infrastructure to the industrial, IT, energy and power, cooling and service sectors. Rittal products and solutions are used in over 90% of global industries – standardised, customised, and always of the very best quality. Our approach: Our approach and methodology: Rittal, Rittal Software Systems (Eplan, Cideon and German Edge Cloud) and Rittal Automation Systems (RAS, Ehrt, Alfa) combine their hardware and software expertise to streamline, optimise and digitalise processes across the entire value chain for our customers including their IT infrastructure – from control and switchgear construction, machine building to factory operators or the energy sector.

Our promise: Rittal standard products are delivered within 24 hours in Germany, and within 48 hours worldwide.

Fully focused on our customers

Improving efficiency and increasing productivity through automation and digitalisation is one of the biggest challenges for our customers. This requires in-depth knowledge and expertise, the combination of hardware and software, and cross-sector networking. We are convinced that creating and connecting data spaces is crucial to the success of industrial transformation. And that is exactly our speciality and field of competence. Eplan and Rittal are driving the development of the digital twins of equipment and systems and are making the data more accessible and operationally useable. Cideon is improving digital continuity and data consistency in relation to digital product twin context with its CAD/CAM, PDM/PLM and product configuration expertise. German Edge Cloud's ONCITE Digital Production System (DPS) makes the data from the manufacturing processes transparent and thus optimisable – right up to energy management via the digital production twin.

Sustainability

Environmental and climate protection, social commitment and ethical corporate management are a given for Rittal. We take our responsibility for a sustainable future seriously. Our approach to resource management and conservation involves continuous improvement of our production processes and ensuring that our products and solutions have the lowest possible Product Carbon Footprint. This supports our customers in achieving their climate targets.

Family business and global player

Founded in 1961, Rittal is the largest company in the owner-operated Friedhelm Loh Group. The group operates worldwide, with 12 production sites and 95 international subsidiaries. It had more than 12,000 employees and posted revenues of 3 billion euros in fiscal 2022. In 2023, the Friedhelm Loh Group was named "Best Place to Learn" and "Employer of the Future". Rittal was awarded the Top 100 Seal as one of Germany's most innovative medium-sized companies.

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