

## PRESS RELEASE

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### **Success in the TOP 100: HEDRICH to Win the Second Star as One of the Leading Innovators 2018**

It is the 25th time for the TOP 100 contest to elect the most innovative German medium-sized companies. And HEDRICH GmbH is again amongst them this year. This was the result of the analysis performed by the scientific head of the TOP 100, Prof. Dr. Nikolaus Franke. Ranga Yogeshwar, being the mentor of the TOP 100, has awarded the prize to the company from Ehringshausen together with Franke and *compamedia* at the award ceremony in Ludwigsburg in the course of the 5<sup>th</sup> German Summit of Medium-Sized Companies on June 29, 2018. It has already been HEDRICH's second time as one of this elite group of innovators. In the independent selection, the company of about 150 employees (Germany) showed its most outstanding characteristics in the categories "Success in Innovation" and "Innovation Climate".

Four new products a year – this is the ambitious target for the Hedrich GmbH to motivate its R&D people as well as technicians to rise to max. performance. So it is not a surprise that the medium-sized company with 150 employees from Ehringshausen in the Lahn-Dill district has been setting the mark for vacuum equipment for years. Not only customers from the electrical and medical industry benefit from the know-how of the top innovator, also those from the ranges of electro-mobility and wind energy do.

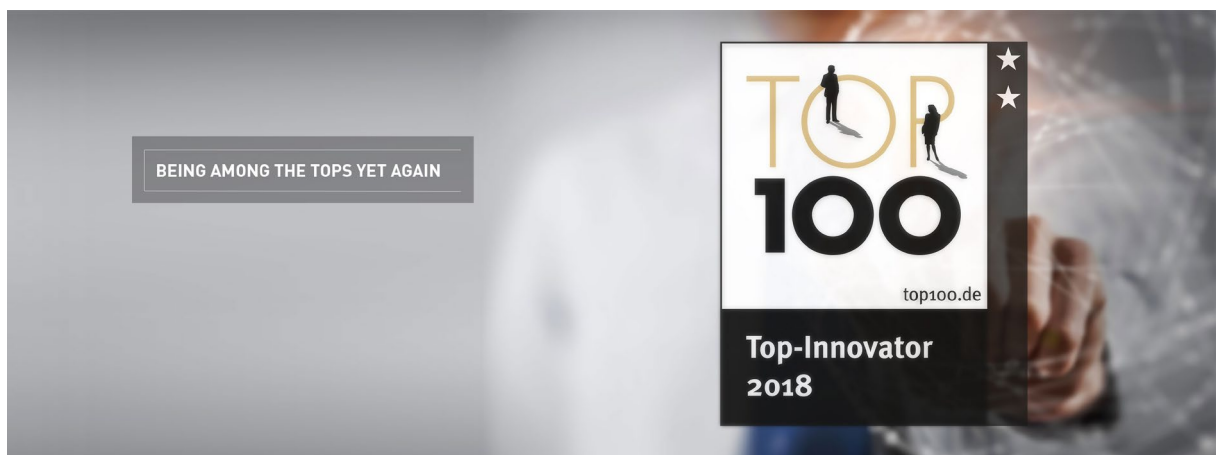
One of the most recent new developments by the company are a mobile low-frequency drying system as well as a new technology to measure the residual moisture and gas contents for unfilled cast resins. „Especially when manufacturing rotor blades for wind energy systems and other composite components this innovation provides essential advantages“, explains CEO Joachim Schulz. Also with view to the subject of Industry 4.0, the double TOP 100 winner is best prepared. Customers of the medium-sized company can monitor and control their equipment by means of an individually programmed COPRA app - via Smartphone, tablet or PC.

Such ideas do not fall from trees at HEDRICH, they are the result of a systematic innovation management, involving inter-divisional idea brainstorming and workshops as well as trend analyses in collaboration with customers and suppliers.

### **TOP 100: the Contest**

Since 1993, *compamedia* has awarded the TOP 100 seal for special power of innovation and surpassing success in innovation to medium-sized companies. The scientific head since 2002 is Prof. Dr. Nikolaus Franke. Franke is founder and chairman of the Institute for Entrepreneurship and Innovation at the Economic University of Vienna. Mentor of the TOP 100 is the scientific journalist Ranga Yogeshwar. Project partners are the Fraunhofer society to support applied research and development and the BVMW (*Federal Association of the Medium-Sized Enterprises*). Collateral media partners for the contest are the *manager magazin*, *impulse* and *W&V*.

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