

## PRESS RELEASE

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### RAPA receives a new honour Top-100-Innovator

- Award for the second time after 2022
- The company was particularly convincing in the category "Innovation-promoting top management"
- Honored by Ranga Yogeshwar in June



*From left to right.: Oliver Henkelmann-Mattheus, Vice President Sales; RAPA Chairman of the Board of Management Dr. Roman Pausch; Dr. Jochen Endrejat, Vice President R&D; Rocco Kemnitz, Head of Predevelopment; Theresa Rödel, Vice President Human Ressource; RAPA Board of Management Karin Wolf.*

**The family-owned company RAPA from Selb has once again convinced with its innovation qualities and therefore received the TOP 100 seal 2023. Only particularly innovative medium-sized companies receive this award. On June 23, science journalist Ranga Yogeshwar will personally congratulate RAPA on this success at the award ceremony in Augsburg. Yogeshwar accompanies the TOP 100 innovation competition as a mentor.**

The TOP 100 innovation competition is organized on behalf of Compamedia and once again analyzed RAPA's innovative strength in size category C, which compares companies with more than 200 employees.

Following its success as Innovator of the Year 2022, the company was again particularly convincing this year in the category "Top Management Promoting Innovation".

This confirms RAPA's management to continue the course it has been pursuing for a long time: Innovation management is a matter for the boss and is firmly anchored in RAPA's management principles. "In every RAPA division, we promote improvements and new, groundbreaking ideas, because only they ensure our economic success," says Dr. Roman Pausch, RAPA Chairman of the Board of Management. Of course, at RAPA, innovation finding also takes place throughout the entire workforce and in all divisions. But the innovation processes, meetings, creative meetings - the framework conditions - are defined and accompanied from within top management. Roman Pausch: "We exemplify the positive innovation culture and invite every employee to actively participate in innovation processes." The greatest "capital" in the medium-sized family business are the employees. People who love their job. It is they who bring processes to life and successfully implement ideas and technical innovations. The company's own research and development department, which employs around 150 engineers and technicians, plays a major role in this.

As a development partner and "real" system supplier as well as a manufacturer of precision valves and systems, RAPA is a hidden champion and thus achieves top positions in its sales markets. The company specializes in mechatronic systems in the field of valve and fluid technology - especially for the automotive industry. The innovation-promoting top management recognized the opportunities in the future fields of e-mobility and autonomous driving at an early stage. Services along the entire value chain are provided for well-known manufacturers: research, design, laboratory, prototyping, simulation, validation and certification as well as manufacturing, assembly and testing.

"We are very pleased that RAPA has once again successfully mastered the strict criteria and scientific selection process of innovation researcher Prof. Dr. Nikolaus Franke and his team," said Karin Wolf, RAPA Board of Management. That's why a company delegation will definitely travel to Augsburg on June 23, where all top innovators of the 2023 cohort will gather for the award ceremony at the German SME Summit, he added.

#### **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, the scientific management has been in the hands of Prof. Dr. Nikolaus Franke. Franke is founder and director of the Institute for Entrepreneurship and Innovation at the Vienna University of Economics and Business. With 26 research awards and over 200 publications, he is one of the leading innovation researchers internationally. 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. The magazines manager magazin and impulse accompany the company comparison as media partners, ZEIT für Unternehmer is a cooperation partner. More information at [www.top100.de](http://www.top100.de).

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Fig.01: They are proud of the Top 100 Award. From left to right.: Oliver Henkelmann-Mattheus, Dr. Roman Pausch, Dr. Jochen Endrejat, Rocco Kemnitz, Theresa Rödel und Karin Wolf.

Fig.02: Abb.02: Top-100-Innovator 2022 Award

Fig.03: Siegel

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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 216 million euros in 2022. 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.

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