

## Press release

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### **Top Innovator 2025: Wilo Group awarded for the third time**

Technology group impresses with innovative processes and structures

**Dortmund/Mainz.** The Wilo Group has been honoured once more as one of Germany's most innovative companies. Participating in the esteemed TOP 100 innovation competition, the multinational technology group has been recognised for its innovative strength for the third time. Wilo particularly impressed in the category of "Innovative Processes and Organisation" within size class C (over 200 employees in Germany).

"We are convinced that innovation and sustainability management must go hand in hand. Only sustainable innovations are fit for the future and will prevail in the long term", explains Oliver Hermes, President & Global CEO of the Wilo Group. "That's why at Wilo every innovation must contribute directly to the Group-wide sustainability goals." This approach is also reflected in the technology group's strategic alignment.

"Our innovation agenda follows the principle of 'Impact-driven Innovations': We focus on solutions that benefit not only our customers and the industry but also the environment – and ultimately all of us," emphasises Georg Weber, Global CTO of the Wilo Group. Central to this agenda is the sustainability strategy, a key driver behind all innovation activities.

This approach is reflected in the comprehensive innovation management of the group. With the global innovation platform WINGS and a network of regional Innovation Ambassadors, Wilo has created a dynamic ecosystem that systematically brings together and promotes ideas from all areas of the company worldwide.

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A current example of Wilo's innovative spirit is the newly developed Wilo-Connect sensor. This technology digitises existing pump systems, intelligently connects them with digital infrastructures, and uses AI-supported analyses to optimise operation, energy efficiency, and maintenance. This solution, awarded the Wilo internal Innovation Award, emerged from a cross-departmental innovation process.

The award was presented by mentor Ranga Yogeshwar and the scientific director of the competition, Prof. Dr. Nikolaus Franke, during a ceremonial event in Mainz.



**Caption:** The Wilo Group has once again been recognised as one of Germany's most innovative companies. In the esteemed TOP 100 innovation competition, the technology group was awarded in the category of "Innovative Processes and Organisation". Image: WILO SE

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### **About Wilo:**

The Wilo Group is one of the world's leading premium suppliers of pumps and pump systems for building services, water management and the industrial sector. In the last decade, we have evolved from a hidden to a visible and connected champion. Wilo employs around 9,000 people around the globe today. With innovative solutions, smart products and individual services, we provide the intelligent, efficient and environmentally friendly service of keeping water flowing. We already are the digital pioneer within the industry with our products and solutions, processes and business models.

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### **About the TOP 100 competition:**

Since 1993, compamedia has been awarding the TOP 100 award for special innovative strength and above-average innovation success to medium-sized companies. Since 2002, the scientific direction has been in the hands of Prof. Dr. Nikolaus Franke. Franke is the founder and director of the Institute for Entrepreneurship & Innovation at the Vienna University of Economics and Business. With 27 research prizes and over 200 publications, he is internationally recognised as a leading innovation researcher. The mentor of TOP 100 is the science journalist Ranga Yogeshwar. The project partners are the Fraunhofer Society for the Promotion of Applied Research and the SME association BVMW. The magazine manager magazin accompanies the company comparison as a media partner, and the magazine "ZEIT für Unternehmer" as a cooperation partner.

For more information, go to [www.top100.de](http://www.top100.de).