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Sympatex Technologies receives ITop 100 Award

'Top 100' represents innovation management and innovation success. Ranga Yogeshwar presents award at Deutscher Mittelstands-Summit 2014.

Munich / Unterföhring, 30th June 2014. Sympatex Technologies GmbH is one of the Top Innovators 2014 in Germany. After a multi-stage scientific selection and testing process, the ecological alternative among functional textile specialists was presented with the 'Top 100' certificate. The renowned award was initiated by compamedia 20 years ago and stands for power of innovation, thirst for knowledge and team spirit. During the Deutscher Mittelstands-Summit (Summit of German Medium-Sized Companies) in Essen, Michael Kamm, CEO of Sympatex Technologies, received the prize last Friday from the 'Top 100' mentor and science journalist Ranga Yogeshwar personally.

The success at 'Top 100' is very special for us, explains Michael Kamm. We are very excited about getting the 'Top 100' certificate and consider it proof for our continuous innovation power as a 'solution provider'. Our credo is to anticipate market needs, to use inter-divisional development synergies and to provide customer-oriented, innovative solutions.

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The 'Top 100' study has focused on excellent innovation management as well as innovation success. The innovation scientist Prof. Dr. Nikolaus Franke and his team from the Institute for Entrepreneurship and Innovation at the Vienna University of Economy and Business examined the applications of 247 companies. Among these, 148 companies received the Top Innovator Award in three size classes with no more than 100 companies per size class.

The 'Top 100' have managed to turn their ideas into market success in an outstanding way. A lot of other companies aren't able to overcome this obstacle. The Top Innovators have accepted this challenge with a strong team spirit, with efficient processes and often also with the early integration of customers and external partners into the development, says Prof. Franke.

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