

FAULHABER honoured as "Best Innovator"

For the eighth time, management consultancy A.T. Kearney together with WirtschaftsWoche hosted the "Best Innovator" competition, sponsored by the German Ministry of Economics and Technology. On February 7, 2013, Dr. Fritz Faulhaber GmbH & Co. KG, among other prize winners, received the renowned honour for which over 100 companies had applied. The awards ceremony for the 2012/2013 competition was opened by Secretary of State Dr. Bernhard Heitzer in the German Ministry of Economics and Technology. In his speech, Secretary of State Heitzer emphasised the significance of innovation and explained that the prize winners are trailblazers in this area.



"When it comes to innovation, the winners of this competition are one step ahead of other companies. They show that Germany can still achieve world class performance where innovation is needed", says Dr. Kai Engel, Partner at management consultancy A.T. Kearney and initiator of the competition: "Innovation management as a core competence has steadily increased in importance over the past nine years. Not until the interoperability of all functions has been experienced in the framework of an effective innovation management system can profitable growth result for a company – our Best Innovator prize winners show proof of this".

The Best Innovator competition awards successful and sustainable innovation management. In doing so, the prize winners are chosen in a transparent process. First and foremost, quantitative key performance indicators and qualitative capability characteristics, gathered using a survey, are taken into account. Then an expert jury evaluates the surveys and determines the finalists. In the next step, the finalists are visited on-site by members of the jury. Finally, the winners are chosen in a final meeting of the jury.

The jury includes:

- Ernst Burgbacher, Parl. Secretary of State in the German Ministry for Economics and Technology and Federal Government Commissioner for SMEs and Tourism.
- Hans-Jörg Bullinger, Senator of the Fraunhofer Society
- Roland Tichy, Editor in Chief of WirtschaftsWoche
- Dr. Kai Engel, Partner at management consultancy A.T. Kearney and Head of the Innovation and R&D Management Sphere of Competence

Technologically one step ahead

FAULHABER stands for innovative development and inventions and has written countless chapters in the history of drive technology. The "FAULHABER" success story began over 60 years ago with the development of the bell-type armature motor, a small motor with a special construction and very beneficial properties. It is the cornerstone and stamp of quality for a one-of-a-kind drive technology whose dynamics, precision and reliability open new possibilities for countless areas of application. Whether as drives for pick-and-place machines, medical dosing pumps or sewer robots, FAULHABER technology is applied with huge benefits for the customers.

Today, FAULHABER boasts the largest range of miniature and micro drive technology which is available worldwide from a single source. A one-of-a-kind foundation with boundless possibilities. With concerted innovative energy and experience from a wide variety of application areas, individual drive systems are designed from this diversity of technology which are exactly tailored to the requirements of the customer applications. Drive systems for all areas in which precision and reliability in the smallest of spaces are decisive.

The good balance between market pull and technology push, a sophisticated solution screening process and the timely initiation of technology development with suppliers played in FAULHABER's favour in the awarding of prizes. Thanks to innovation management which was honoured here with the "Best Innovator" prize, the basic technologies and products from FAULHABER are continuously being developed further and coordinated so that they can be combined with each other, all with a view to future requirements.

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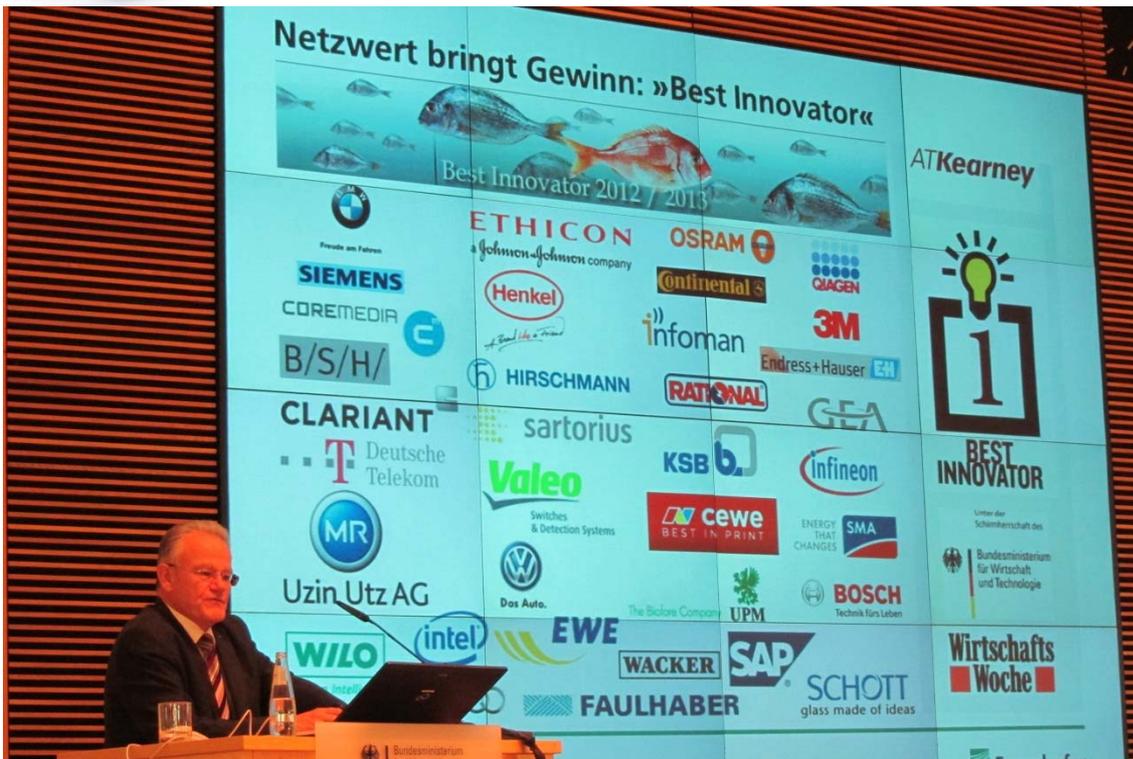
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Renowned companies have been honoured with the "Best Innovator" prize