

## Press release.

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### **TOP 100 of the German middle class: Felss Systems is one of the innovation leaders 2019.**

— This year, for the 26<sup>th</sup> time, the most innovative companies of German SMEs will be awarded the TOP 100 seal. For the second time in succession, Felss Systems GmbH also made the leap into the innovation elite and is therefore one of the innovation leaders in 2019. In an independent selection process, the company was particularly convincing in the category "Open Innovation/External orientation".

Founded more than one hundred years ago, Felss Systems GmbH, as part of the Felss Group, has developed into Germany's leading supplier in the field of cold forming technology. The medium-sized company headquartered in Königsbach-Stein develops innovations, technologies and Industry 4.0 solutions with a focus on the automotive industry. The TOP 100 company, which specializes in forming technology, is currently working on building up a second area of operation - namely the inspection and maintenance of the production lines of tomorrow.

Andreas Egelseder, CMTO of the Felss Group, strives for zero-defect production in the production of industrial products. Communicating machines should make this possible. What sounds like a vision of the future, could soon become reality thanks to the machine builders of the top innovator. While the engineers are working on the implementation of innovative technologies and solutions, Egelseder is already developing further ideas. For him, there is no question that the vision of communicating production units will become real in the foreseeable future. "And when the time comes, we already want to be there," emphasizes the CMTO of the Felss Group.

In order to be up to date with the latest technology and the know-how of tomorrow, the top innovator cooperates with universities and research institutes, among others. However, Felss owes its ability to innovate not least to an excellent working atmosphere. Variable compensation models, a structured proposal system and targeted personnel development measures ensure that employees can exploit their creative potential. Moreover, the development of successful product and service innovations also requires close and lasting exchange with customers.

The scientific director of TOP 100, Prof. Dr. Nikolaus Franke, honored Felss Systems together with mentor Ranga Yogeshwar on June 28, 2019 at the award ceremony in Frankfurt.



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TOP 100: the competition

Since 1993, compamedia has awarded the TOP 100 seal of approval for outstanding innovation 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 founder and director of the Institute for Entrepreneurship and Innovation of the Vienna University of Economics and Business. Mentor of TOP 100 is the scientific journalist Ranga Yogeshwar. Project partners are the Fraunhofer Society for the Promotion of Applied Research and the BVMW. As media partners, manager magazin, impulse and W&V accompany the competition. More information at [www.top100.de](http://www.top100.de).

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f.l.t.r.: Ranga Yogeshwar (Mentor Top 100) and Prof. Dr. Michael Marré (former Head of Engineering & Innovation at Felss Systems)

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## About the Felss Group

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Felss Systems GmbH is part of the Felss Group with around 1.100 employees, which plays a leading role worldwide in the automotive supply industry. The name Felss stands for cold-formed components made of the basic material of pipe. This technology produces high-precision lightweight components for resource-saving use in modern vehicles. They increase the range and protect the CO2 balance. Felss Systems GmbH is world leader in manufacturing machinery and application technology in the cold forming technology and stands for innovation and steady progress in the steering, transmission, drivetrain and e-mobility markets. Felss has been awarded for TOP JOB and numerous innovation awards.



### **The Felss Group**

The Felss Group, founded in 1905, is solution provider in the field of cold forming for tubes and solid materials in the automotive industry.

As a lightweight construction expert, we design and realize optimum solutions and processes to fulfill our customers' precise needs – from the design and construction of machines to the manufacturing of finished products in component manufacturing. Since the merger with HMP in May 2019, around 1,100 employees are working at our nine locations in Germany, Switzerland, the USA, China and Slovakia today in close collaboration with our customers around the world on the challenges of tomorrow.

### **FELSS SYSTEMS**

stands for highly engineered machines, manufacturing systems and processes.

### **FELSS ROTAFORM**

stands for component manufacturing by specialists, including large-scale production.

### **The Management Board of the Felss Group:**

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