



Barbara Höfel, Member of the Executive Board, HR at BPW, is pleased to receive the award from the news magazine FOCUS.

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FOCUS Award: BPW ranks among the top employers in 2017

- BPW is a FOCUS TOP National Employer in the Automobile and Suppliers category
- Appraisals from more than 100,000 employees taken into account
- Recommendation rate the decisive factor

Wiehl, 16.02.2017 --- The news magazine FOCUS has again determined the best employers in Germany. A grand total of more than 100,000 employer

assessments were received in response to a survey by Hamburg statistics company Statista, a survey of Xing members and based on kununu employer assessments. In the Automobile and Suppliers category, the Wiehl-based family-run company BPW came in among the top 60 and is thus one of 1,000 companies entitled to display the 'FOCUS TOP National Employer 2017' logo with immediate effect.

"We are delighted by this award," says Barbara Höfel, Member of the Executive Board, HR at BPW. "The award-winning companies stand out above all for their willingness to address the challenges they face. Prominent among those are state-of-the-art technologies, big data and modern HR strategies."

BPW and its subsidiaries employ a staff of some 2,260 in Germany alone and more than 6,400 worldwide. "Thanks to the day-to-day exchange and the open collaboration with international colleagues, we offer an interesting, varied work environment. This includes exciting future-oriented issues involving electrically powered vehicles, digitisation and Transport 4.0," says Barbara Höfel and adds: "We see the constant change brought about, in particular, by the digital transformation as an opportunity. In this context, the delegation of authority and the courage to embrace something new, but also respectful dealings with one another and a partnership of equals represent core values of our corporate culture."

In its annual ranking, FOCUS identifies those companies in Germany in which employees' job satisfaction is particularly high. One of the decisive criteria was whether the employees would recommend their employer to friends and families. Appraisals of the working atmosphere, internal communication, remuneration, image and management style were also taken into account in the survey.

About BPW Bergische Achsen KG

BPW Bergische Achsen KG is the parent company of the BPW Group. With more than 1,600 employees, including around 120 trainees, the family-run company has been developing and producing complete running gear systems for truck trailers and semi-trailers at its headquarters in Wiehl since 1898. BPW's technologies include axle systems, brake technology, suspension and bearings. BPW's trailer axles and running gear systems are in use in millions of vehicles

around the world. An extensive range of services also provides vehicle manufacturers and vehicle operators with the opportunity to increase economic efficiency in their production and transport processes. www.bpw.de/en

About BPW Group

BPW Group, based in Wiehl, Germany, is a dependable international mobility and system partner for the transport industry, serving as a one-stop shop for innovative solutions. Its portfolio embraces axles, suspension systems and brake technologies (BPW), locking systems and bodywork technology (Hestal), lighting systems (Ermax), composite technologies (HBN-Teknik), and user-friendly telematics applications for trucks and trailers (idem telematics). BPW Group's technologies and services support manufacturers' cost-effective workflows and enable vehicle operators to manage their fleets efficiently by maximising the transparency of loading and transport processes. The owner-managed BPW Group encompasses 70 companies worldwide and employs around 7,000 people. www.wethinktransport.com

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