



Barbara Höfel (right) in a meeting with employees: being both supportive and challenging is a central ideal that the company has embedded firmly in its HR policy.

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New study: BPW ranks among the top one per cent of German employers

- **BPW named as 'Leading Employer 2019' for the first time out of 70,000 companies**
- **Extensive employer ranking with comprehensive methodology**
- ***FOCUS*, *FOCUS Money* and *FOCUS Business* have renewed the company's 'Top National Employer', 'Best Training Companies' and 'Digital Champion' titles for 2019**

Wiehl, 15 May 2019 --- BPW Bergische Achsen KG has been ranked by respected institutes and media firms as one of Germany's top employers and training providers for years. A further study has now confirmed that the family-owned company is among the top one per cent for quality as an employer, following an analysis of around 70,000 companies for the title of 'Leading Employer 2019'.

With solutions for electric mobility, networking of transport and logistics, plus extensively digitised production and mobility concepts, the BPW Group (around 7,200 employees worldwide, sales of 1.48 billion euros in 2017) has become a leading innovator in the commercial vehicle industry within just a few years. Such rapid change would not have been possible without the active support of the workforce and management. BPW has succeeded in this respect: studies commissioned by the *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung* and *FOCUS* have repeatedly found BPW to be a top employer over the years.

These findings have now been confirmed by the employer evaluation system that claims to be the most comprehensive in the world. Around 70,000 companies were studied for the 'Leading Employer 2019' quality label. The accolade is awarded in partnership with *ZEIT* and is based on big data analysis and an expert committee. These look at various quality criteria in a comprehensive assessment, including aspects such as image, employee satisfaction and incentives, talent development, HR performance, corporate social responsibility (CSR), health management and more.

FOCUS, *FOCUS Money* and *FOCUS Business* have also renewed BPW's 'Top National Employer', 'Best Training Companies' and 'Digital Champion' titles for 2019.

Barbara Höfel, HR Director and member of the management board at BPW, says: 'We are very proud to have consistently held leading positions in the most important employer rankings. Together with our employees, we have developed a sustainable corporate culture that gives us inner strength and has therefore enabled us to become a leading innovator. Classic values such as a sense of belonging and social responsibility come together with progressive leadership concepts and agile methods to create a special combination at BPW. We will build on this basis to develop our organisation further, so that we can offer our employees even more responsibility and development opportunities.'

About BPW Bergische Achsen Kommanditgesellschaft

BPW Bergische Achsen Kommanditgesellschaft is the parent company of the BPW Group. With over 1,600 employees, including around 120 trainees, the family-owned 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 offers vehicle manufacturers and operators the ability to increase the efficiency of their production and transport processes. www.bpw.de/en

About the BPW Group

The BPW Group researches, develops and manufactures everything needed to ensure that transport keeps moving and is safe, illuminated, intelligent and digitally connected. With its brands [BPW](#), [Ermax](#), [HBN](#), [HESTAL](#) and [idem telematics](#), the company group is a preferred system partner of the commercial vehicle industry around the globe for running gear, brakes, lighting, fasteners and superstructure technology, telematics and other key components for trucks, trailers and buses. The BPW Group offers comprehensive mobility services for transport businesses, ranging from a global service network to spare parts supply and intelligent networking of vehicles, drivers and freight. The owner-operated company group currently employs 7,200 staff in more than 50 countries and achieved consolidated sales of 1.48 billion euros in 2017. www.bpw.de/en

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