

## Press release

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### **Heraeus among top 10 family businesses in Germany**

- Heraeus receives Top 10 Family Business award
- The Foundation for Family Businesses recognizes outstanding economic achievements

The technology group Heraeus received recognition as a Top 10 Family Business from the Foundation for Family Businesses. The foundation focuses on outstanding economic achievements and stresses the influence of family businesses in Germany as a place of business.

They examined the most important economic performance data for German family businesses over the past ten years. Among other areas, the foundation analyzed these companies' innovative abilities. The study concludes that these companies have a higher innovative capacity than other businesses. The foundation also selected the ten most important family businesses – among them Heraeus.

“Family businesses need to periodically reinvent themselves. In addition to the high requirements presented by global markets, we also have a major social responsibility. I am pleased that Heraeus has been honored as a top economic performer, employer, and driver of innovation,” explained Jan Rinnert, CEO of Heraeus Holding.

### **Background: The Foundation for Family Businesses**

The non-profit Foundation for Family Businesses is dedicated to preserving family businesses, with the goal of raising awareness of these businesses' achievements and importance in Germany. The foundation promotes research in the area of family businesses and views itself as a contact partner for policy and the media.

*Caption: Officially recognized: Heraeus is one Germany's top 10 family businesses.*

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Heraeus, the technology group headquartered in Hanau, Germany, is a leading international family-owned company formed in 1851. With technical expertise, a focus on innovation, operational excellence, and an entrepreneurial leadership, we strive to continuously improve our business performance. We create high-quality solutions for our clients and strengthen their competitiveness in the long term by combining material expertise with technological know-how. Our ideas are focused on themes such as the environment, energy, health, mobility, and industrial applications. Our portfolio includes everything from components to coordinated material systems, and our products are used in a wide variety of industries, including the steel, electronics, chemical, automotive, and telecommunications industries. In fiscal year 2015, Heraeus earned product revenues of €1.9 billion and precious metals trading revenues of €12.9 billion. With around 12,600 employees worldwide in more than 100 subsidiaries in 38 countries, Heraeus holds a leading position in its global markets.

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