

## **Heiner Wemhöner in the final of the "Entrepreneur Of The Year 2021" competition**

- ▶ The award is presented in the categories of family business, innovation, sustainability and young companies
- ▶ Business award honours entrepreneurship, innovative strength and personal commitment for the 25th time
- ▶ Honorary prizes for exceptional scientific and social commitment as well as for exceptional entrepreneurial and social commitment

This year, for the 25th time, the auditing and consulting firm EY is selecting the best owner-managed companies in Germany. The pandemic, the digital transformation as well as the convergence of entire industries pose challenges to the economy. Entrepreneurs who successfully navigate through these stormy times are doing a very special job. With the "EY Entrepreneur Of The Year", these achievements are highlighted and made visible.

The winners will be announced at a hybrid event in Berlin, i.e. both on-site at the Verti Music Hall and digitally, on 04 November 2021. In addition, the honorary prizes for exceptional scientific and social commitment as well as for exceptional entrepreneurial and social commitment will be awarded.

36 companies have made it to the finals of the competition this year. One of the finalists is Heiner Wemhöner. "I am very happy about this award. It gives us all an additional incentive," says Heiner Wemhöner, Managing Partner of Wemhöner Surface Technologies, about reaching the final round. The awards are presented in the categories "Family Business", "Innovation", "Sustainability" and "Young Companies". One of the winners will represent Germany at the EY World Entrepreneur Of The Year 2022 in Monaco.

An independent jury of renowned experts selects the winners according to the assessment criteria sustainability of the business model, innovation, transformation, employee management and social responsibility.

About the "EY Entrepreneur Of The Year" competition

The "Entrepreneur Of The Year" programme was launched by EY in the USA in 1986. Since then, the competition has established itself in 60 countries and is one of the world's most prestigious entrepreneurial awards.

The competition is being held in Germany for the 25th time this year and is supported by renowned companies and media. These include LGT, the Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung and Manager Magazin. In addition to awarding successful entrepreneurial personalities, EY also promotes young entrepreneurs with the "EY NextGen Academy" programme.

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