



## Press Release

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### TOPTICA Photonics among “BAYERNS BEST 50“

The Award “BAYERNS BEST 50” was presented on July 22<sup>nd</sup>, by Bavaria’s Minister of Economic Affairs Hubert Aiwanger at a ceremony in Schleissheim Castle.

TOPTICA Photonics is now also officially one of the 50 best companies in Bavaria. The Bavarian State Ministry of Economic Affairs once again honored Bavarian companies that are particularly innovative, creative, and flexible – and enjoyed a significant above-average growth.

Dr. Wilhelm Kaenders, Member of Executive Board (CTO) of TOPTICA Photonics AG, is very pleased with the award from the Bavarian Ministry of Economic Affairs and thanks all colleagues and business partners: "Our employees and partners from industry and research actively contribute every day to the fact that we are such a successful company. As management, we were able to proudly receive this award on behalf of all our employees and will continue to develop very well in the future."

Dr. Thomas Weber, Member of Executive Board (COO/CFO), is also delighted with the award: "This award is a great success for our entire company. Especially for our employees, who have made TOPTICA one of the fastest growing companies in Bavaria. The Greater Munich area and the general conditions in the Free State of Bavaria, in particular the excellent local level of education at universities and multiple high-tech companies, have made this great development possible over the last 20 years. As an economically sound company, we guarantee our current and future employees secure and socially responsible jobs as well as the thrill of an exciting high-tech and working environment - from Bavaria for the world".

Dr. Thomas Renner, Member of Executive Board (CSO), adds: "Our employees are proud to be able to develop and offer highly specialized laser systems with a uniquely wide wavelength coverage. Our lasers enable a multitude of sophisticated applications in biophotonics, industrial metrology and quantum technology. TOPTICA is on the lookout for committed physicists, engineers and other employees who can help the company to continue on its successful course. This award will certainly support us in this endeavour".

#### About BAYERNS BEST 50 Award

This year, for the 18th time, the highly acclaimed BAYERNS BEST 50 award was presented to particularly successful companies from the Free State of Bavaria. Once again this year, the Bavarian State Ministry of Economic Affairs, Regional Development and Energy's award for medium-sized companies focused on above-average companies that qualify for the renowned BAYERNS BEST 50 award.



Bavaria's State Minister for Economic Affairs, Regional Development and Energy Hubert Aiwanger (1st from right) and member of the jury Dr. Christian Eschner (1st from left) personally presented the 50 best companies with a certificate and the Bavarian lion. Dr. Wilhelm Kaenders (Chief Technology Officer, 2nd from left) and Dr. Thomas Weber (Chief Financial Officer, 3rd from left) accepted the award on behalf of the entire TOPTICA workforce.

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**Company Profile TOPTICA Photonics AG**

*Founded in 1998 near Munich (Germany), TOPTICA became one of the leading laser photonics companies by aiming for, and consistently delivering high-end specifications. TOPTICA develops, manufactures, services and distributes technology-leading diode and fiber lasers and laser systems for scientific and industrial applications. Sales and service are offered worldwide through TOPTICA Germany and its subsidiaries TOPTICA USA, TOPTICA Japan and TOPTICA China, as well as through distributors. A key point of the company philosophy is the close cooperation between development and research to meet our customers' demanding requirements for sophisticated customized system solutions and their subsequent commercialization.*

*Today TOPTICA employs more than 300 people worldwide in six business units (TOPTICA Photonics AG, eagleyard Photonics GmbH, TOPTICA Projects GmbH, TOPTICA Photonics Inc. USA, TOPTICA Photonics K.K. Japan, and TOPTICA Photonics China) with a consolidated group turnover of approx. 65 Million €.*