

## Press release

### **Infineon Austria wins EFQM Global Excellence Award 2018**

Villach, 19 October 2018 – Infineon Technologies Austria AG received the Global Excellence Award 2018 from the European Foundation for Quality Management (EFQM). The EFQM Global Excellence Award is the most prestigious prize for corporate quality that is awarded to excellent organizations worldwide. The prize was presented to the multidisciplinary applicant team of Infineon Austria, led by CEO Sabine Herlitschka and CFO Oliver Heinrich, at the official award ceremony at the Sofiensäle event venue in Vienna yesterday.

The jury acknowledged the business activities of the semiconductor manufacturer as 'exemplary for the European industry' in view of its dynamic and highly competitive global market environment. The market success of Infineon Austria is based on a consistent, strategic orientation along customer benefits, clearly defined objectives and performance indicators in all business processes, as also an appreciative approach to employees. Innovation, creativity and continuous striving for improvement are daily practice and implemented in an outstanding way within the framework of a distinctive high performance culture.

#### **Strategy of sustainable growth**

Sabine Herlitschka, CEO of Infineon Technologies Austria AG, is pleased by this distinction: "Infineon Austria has been pursuing a defined strategy for consistent development at all company levels for several years. In this way, we are internationally competitive from our location in Austria and optimally contribute to the Group's success. Our market success and excellent innovation performance are validation for us on this way of sustainable growth. Winning the EFQM Global Excellence Award is a high-profile international recognition for our achievements."

Chief Financial Officer (CFO) Oliver Heinrich is responsible for the integrated quality management activities at Infineon Austria: "Systematic innovation and the continuous improvement of processes are fundamental for success, especially in a technology company. The EFQM Excellence model offers a comprehensive management framework that enables constant excellence at all company levels. This award motivates us in our persistent quest for improvement and to remain at the forefront in everything we do."

### **Successful "Journey of Excellence"**

Infineon Austria embarked on its journey of excellence decades ago when it introduced its integrated quality management approach at all company levels. The company won the Austrian State Prize for Corporate Quality in 2001 and 2002, and in 2014, it qualified as one of the finalists in the EFQM Global Excellence Award.

### **Exacting selection process**

The EFQM Global Excellence Award is determined by a comprehensive and particularly demanding evaluation procedure. Applicants must be able to prove a high level of corporate quality meeting the standards of the EFQM Excellence model (fundamental concepts, model framework, radar assessment tool) throughout several years. In the course of the selection process, an international team of experts will carry out a one-week assessment in the company and interview employees at all levels. The report of these assessors is then presented to an independent jury. In addition to the status quo, forecasts of future performance are also assessed. To win the EFQM Global Excellence Award, companies must not only prove that their performance exceeds that of comparable organizations but that they will be able to maintain their vanguard position in future.

### **About Infineon Austria**

Infineon Technologies Austria AG is a group subsidiary of Infineon Technologies AG, a world-leading provider of semiconductor solutions that make life easier, safer and greener. Microelectronics from Infineon reduce the energy consumption of consumer electronics, domestic appliances and industrial facilities. They make a major contribution to the convenience, security and sustainability of vehicles, and enable secure transactions in a connected world. Besides Germany, Infineon Austria is the only subsidiary within the group that pools competencies for research and development, production as well as global business responsibility. The head office is in Villach, with further branches in Graz, Klagenfurt, Linz and Vienna. With around 3,785 employees from around 60 countries (including 1,547 in research and development), in the financial year 2017 (ending in September) the company achieved a turnover of € 2.5 billion. With its research expenditure of 428 million euros, Infineon Austria is one of the best industrial research performers in Austria.

For more information please see [www.infineon.com/austria](http://www.infineon.com/austria)

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