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New issue of the “be top” magazine

### **New forms of collaboration: “be top” now also available as an online magazine**

**“Digitalization means networks, not islands. This broader perspective is essential to seizing the best opportunities for continuing competitiveness,” says Dr Karl-Ulrich Köhler, CEO of Rittal International. Nature shows how it’s done – organised systems are more successful. The algorithm of the forest shows how important the networking of actors, processes and information is. The new edition of “be top” looks in depth at this kind of relationship. It is now also available as an online magazine for mobile reading and with exclusive additional content.**

Herborn, 08 January 2019 – System and innovation research has confirmed that digitalization acts as a catalyst for collaborative industrial economic systems. The companies of the Friedhelm Loh Group practice the principle of “Stronger Together” in their daily interactions, too: moving away from bilateral relations towards a high-performance ecosystem. The new “be top” shows how Rittal, Cideon, Eplan, LKH and Stahlo, together with customers and partner companies, are tackling the challenges posed by digital transformation. These are the topics covered in Edition 02/2018:

#### **Connected manufacturing: one step ahead of the future**

Rittal is transforming its Rittershausen plant into a highly networked factory of the future for the production of the new VX25 large enclosure system. For the visionaries from Dietzhöltal, Industry 4.0 is not a distant scenario but already part of everyday life. The team performance

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at the factory is due to the metamorphosis of the production facility during ongoing operation, to make a perfected product and a fully networked production facility that sets new standards.

### **How will you continue to work together in the future**

The urban planners of the South Korean city of Songdo are also pioneers. Along with a team of researchers, they have created a Smart City that can think for itself and which makes the lives of its inhabitants more comfortable and safer. It is based on a stable IT infrastructure from Rittal with high-performance servers, networks and computers.

### **Networked design processes: well advised**

Smooth processes form the basis for successful cooperation in a network. With its Engineering Quick-Check, Cideon takes a close look at all the processes and interfaces in mechanical and plant engineering and thus ensures that information flows fast throughout the entire network.

### **New be top web magazine**

The new web magazine scores straightaway with even more topics and suggestions from the world of the Friedhelm Loh Group: <https://betop.friedhelm-loh-group.com>.

Here is the digital home for the latest news, new visual worlds and multimedia formats combined with social sharing and feedback channels – ideal for reading while on the move.

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## **Caption(s)**

Image (fri182060600): “Stronger together”: The algorithm of the forest shows how important the networking of actors, processes and information is. The new edition of “be top” looks in depth at this kind of relationship. It is now also available as an online magazine for mobile reading and with exclusive additional content.

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A global player, the Friedhelm Loh Group (FLG) invents, develops, and makes made-to-measure products and integrated solutions for manufacturers, distributors, and other businesses. Member companies of the Group lead their respective industries in innovation and quality. They include the world’s leading provider of modular platforms for enclosures, power distribution, climate control and IT infrastructure (Rittal); Europe’s number one supplier of software solutions for mechanical and industrial plant engineering (Eplan, Cideon); and a specialist in integrated manufacturing with state-of-the-art materials – steel, aluminium, and plastics – (Stahlo, LKH).

The family-owned enterprise maintains a worldwide presence, with 18 production sites and 80 subsidiaries. Managed by founder Friedhelm Loh himself, the Group employs 11,500 people and generated revenues of approximately € 2.5 billion in 2017. In 2018, it was named one of Germany’s leading employers by the Top Employers Institute, for the tenth year running. Within the scope of a Germany-wide survey, Focus Money magazine identified the Friedhelm Loh Group as one of the nation’s best providers of vocational training for the third time in a row in 2018.

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