

Prize for excellent quality

Schaeffler Automotive Aftermarket receives Gropauto "Supplier of the Year" Award

LANGEN/MONTE CARLO, 13 October 2015. Schaeffler Automotive Aftermarket has won "Supplier of the Year" as best across all categories at Gropauto's international supplier meeting in Monte Carlo. With this award Gropauto, one of the leading international trade cooperations, honored Schaeffler Automotive Aftermarket as its supplier and partner of the year.

Gropauto International is one of the leading international networks for distributors of spare parts and services for passenger cars, light and heavy commercial vehicles. The organization honored the Aftermarket specialists as best across all categories with its "Supplier of the Year" award. The business division of the Schaeffler Group – responsible for the global automotive spare-parts business – was already honored in the category "Quality" by Gropauto International in 2012.

This award is one of the most coveted in the industry, and emphasizes reliability and mutual trust. "A successful partnership that we depend on in the future as well," said Michael Söding, President, Schaeffler Automotive Aftermarket, in accepting the award from Hans Eisner, President and CEO at Gropauto International. "We are extremely delighted about this award, and I'm proud that Gropauto International with its customers values our long years of successful collaboration so highly. Within ten years, we've become one of the top 3 suppliers, and we see this award as recognition of this achievement and as incentive for the future as well."



Schaeffler Automotive Aftermarket has been awarded "Supplier of the Year" by Groupauto International. From left: Michael Söding, President, Schaeffler Automotive Aftermarket, Katja Schneider, Trading Group Specialist, Schaeffler Automotive Aftermarket, and Hans Eisner, President and CEO, Groupauto International.

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Schaeffler Automotive Aftermarket, based in Langen, Germany, is responsible for the Group's global automotive replacement parts business for the LuK, INA, FAG and Ruvilla brands. With a global network of approximately 11,500 distribution partners and 30 sales and representative offices, the company is known for its close proximity to customers, intelligent repair solutions and service competence.

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