

## Innovation spirit awarded for the 8<sup>th</sup> time: Daikin among the "Clarivate Top 100 Global Innovators 2021"

**Daikin Industries, Ltd. was selected among the Clarivate Top 100 Global Innovators 2021 as determined by Clarivate Plc, a global information services provider with headquarters in London, United Kingdom.**

Vienna, May 2021 – Since 2011, Clarivate has been analyzing patent data to identify the world's top 100 innovative companies and research institutions and has honored these outstanding companies with a special award for the past 10 years. This year marks the 8<sup>th</sup> time overall and the 7<sup>th</sup> consecutive year that Daikin has been selected as one of the Top 100 Global Innovators. Leveraging its extensive proprietary patent data, Clarivate analyzes intellectual property trends and evaluates companies and research institutions worldwide for its prestigious list of Clarivate Top 100 Global Innovators.

The evaluation comprises four criteria:

- volume (number of patents registered in the last five years),
- success (percentage of patent registrations after examination),
- globalization (percentage of applications in the four major markets of China, Europe, Japan, and the United States), and
- influence (citation frequency in other companies' patents).

### Daikin's passion for leading technologies

The analysis includes those companies that have received 100 or more patents for new inventions (first publication) in the past five years. Innovations with global impact, as it is the case with the development of new Daikin technologies, are weighted higher. Daikin's repeated ranking among the Clarivate Top 100 Global Innovators recognises the Group's focus on innovative ideas and leading technologies.



## Co-create a better future

“Technological innovations are also crucial when it comes to climate protection. For some years now, as a leading manufacturer of air conditioning systems, we have allowed other companies to use selected patents that contribute to the reduction of greenhouse gases in the HVAC-R industry overall. Thereby, solutions for a better future are not only created through innovation, but also through co-creation and entrepreneurship – values that are at the core of our company. They will also determine our success as we face one of the world's biggest challenges – the climate change”, says **Carl Lievens, Managing Director of Daikin Central Europe who is responsible for 16 markets in Central and Eastern Europe.**

For example, in 2011, Daikin granted emerging countries free access to 93 patents related to air conditioning equipment utilizing refrigerant HFC-32 (R-32), a refrigerant with a three times lower global warming potential (GWP) than R-410-A, and enabled access worldwide to all countries in 2015. Moreover, in 2019, Daikin granted the HVAC-R-industry free access to 176 patents on heating, ventilation, air conditioning and refrigeration systems that are optimized for the refrigerant R-32. The industry leader will continue to work on R&D activities fostering innovation that provides new value to society as it further strengthens the intellectual property activities that support them.

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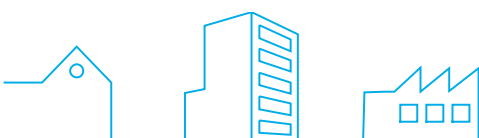
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### About

#### Daikin Industries, Ltd.

Daikin Industries, Ltd. is the world's leader in air conditioning and a reliable supplier of energy-efficient heat pumps. The company is offering 90 years of experience in the design and manufacture of heating, cooling and ventilation technologies available in 145 countries worldwide. Globally, Daikin employs 80,000 experts and is renowned for its pioneering approach to product development and the unrivalled quality and versatility of its integrated solutions.



**Daikin Airconditioning Central Europe**

Daikin Airconditioning Central Europe was founded in 1999 with its headquarters in Vienna, Austria. The company's portfolio comprises products and solutions for heating, cooling, ventilation, air conditioning and refrigeration. More than 450 professionals are in charge of pre-sales, sales and after-sales-services in 16 countries across Central and Eastern Europe in Austria, Albania, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Hungary, Kosovo, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Moldavia, Poland, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia and Slovenia.

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