

Daikin recognized in two global top 100 innovation rankings

Brussels, March 2024 – Daikin has been recognized in **two global top 100 innovation rankings**. For the first time, **LexisNexis** selected Daikin as part of its Innovation Momentum 2024: The Global Top 100 ranking, based on an analysis of patent data and Daikin's emphasis on sustainability in its heating, ventilating, air conditioning and refrigerating (HVAC-R) innovations. For the ninth time, **Clarivate** named Daikin one of the world's 100 most innovative companies, leading the world in technology research and intellectual property patents.



Clarivate Top 100 Global Innovators 2024

Daikin Europe's Japan-based parent company Daikin Industries has been recognized among the '**Top 100 Global Innovators 2024**' by international information services provider Clarivate Plc (London, UK). This is the ninth time Clarivate has honoured Daikin since 2012, following its 2021 award. Leveraging its extensive proprietary patent data, Clarivate analyses intellectual property (IP) trends and evaluates companies and research institutions worldwide. Eligible companies are selected based on criteria such as the number of innovations filed since the year 2000 that are granted within a five-year timeframe, and their scores on metrics such as influence, success, investment and rarity.



LexisNexis Innovation Momentum 2024: The Global Top 100

For the first time, Daikin Industries has been selected for '**Innovation Momentum 2024: The Global Top 100**', a ranking which recognizes 100 innovative companies that are leading the future of science and technology worldwide. Only five Japanese companies were selected this year by leading global information and analytics provider LexisNexis (New York, USA). Daikin was recognized based on a patent data analysis and for its emphasis on sustainability in its HVAC-R innovations. LexisNexis evaluates the competitiveness of companies based on the value and strength of momentum in their IP portfolio over the past two years, assessing changes in their technological value and development capabilities.

Intellectual property portfolio strategies and global IP operation system

Employing a strategic IP approach, Daikin establishes and reinforces IP portfolios that contribute to its business. Leadership works in close cooperation with R&D and Sales Departments to exchange IP insights and market trend analyses, which in turn inform IP strategies. Daikin also expands IP landscape activities to build business and IP strategies through back casting. To disseminate such activities at its locations worldwide, Daikin has created a **global IP Operation System** and continually fosters the improvement and reinforcement of global intellectual property portfolios.

Granting access to patents for refrigerants with low global warming potential

As a leading HVAC-R manufacturer with global business operations, Daikin allows the use of selected patents by other companies to contribute to the reduction of greenhouse gases by the entire HVAC-R industry. For example, in 2011, Daikin granted emerging countries free access to 93 patents related to air conditioning equipment utilizing refrigerant HFC-32 (R32). Daikin expanded access to this refrigerant with lower global warming potential (GWP) to all countries worldwide in 2015. Moreover, in 2019, Daikin expanded the scope of patents and pledged the non-assertion of those patents to support conversion to refrigerants with high energy savings and lower GWP.



Strengthening R&D on global scale and partnering with industry and academia

Daikin is working to strengthen R&D on a global scale to realise its growth strategies as part of its Fusion25 plan: **achieving carbon neutrality, expanding its customer-centric solutions business and value creation with air**. In addition to acquiring intellectual property rights and preventing the infringement of other companies' intellectual property rights, Daikin will continue to create intellectual properties through partnerships with industry and academia. Daikin is also establishing a network with other companies and researchers by granting of free access to Daikin-patented technologies.

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Further information

About LexisNexis 'Innovation Momentum 2024: The Global Top 100':
www.lexisnexisip.com/resources/stories/innovation-report

About Clarivate 'Top 100 Global Innovators 2024':
www.clarivate.com/top-100-innovators

About

100 years Daikin in 2024

The story of Daikin has always been shaped by groundbreaking ideas, technological innovations, and dedicated people. It began in 1924 when the young Japanese engineer Akira Yamada founded an enterprise in Osaka to manufacture aircraft radiators with a 15-member team. Today, 100 years later, the Daikin Industries Ltd. group brings future-proof solutions for heating, cooling, ventilation, air purification, and refrigeration to global markets. More than 96,000 employees in 173 countries continue the company's legacy of leading technologies to advance low carbon heating and cooling, while ensuring the highest level of comfort. In fiscal year 2022 (1 April 2022 – 31 March 2023) the Daikin group achieved € 28.2 billion sales turnover worldwide.

Daikin Europe N.V.

Daikin Europe N.V. is a subsidiary of the global group Daikin Industries, and the leading provider of heating, cooling, ventilation, air purification and refrigeration (HVAC&R) technology in Europe, Middle East and Africa. Daikin designs, manufactures, and brings to market a broad portfolio of products, maintenance services as well as turnkey solutions for residential, commercial, and industrial purposes. To date Daikin Europe has over 13,700 employees across more than 57 consolidated subsidiaries. It has 14 manufacturing facilities based in Belgium, the Czech Republic, Germany, Italy, Spain, Austria, the United Kingdom, Turkey, the United Arab Emirates, and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. The headquarters of the Daikin Europe group are in Ostend, Belgium. The company was established in 1972, production in Europe started in 1973.



Daikin Airconditioning Central Europe

Daikin Airconditioning Central Europe was founded in 1999 with headquarters in Vienna, Austria, as a subsidiary of Daikin Europe N.V. The company's portfolio comprises products and solutions for heating, cooling, ventilation, air purification and refrigeration. More than 700 employees and 2,500 partners are responsible for sales and service activities in 16 countries in Central and Eastern Europe (Austria, Albania, Bosnia Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Hungary, Kosovo, Montenegro, Moldova, North Macedonia, Poland, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia and Slovenia). With Your Daikin World at the Vienna headquarters, the HVAC-R industry and the construction sector have access to a modern experience center for co-creating tailor-made solutions for hotels, retail, offices, and large commercial applications. It also includes one out of nine training centers in the region of Daikin Central Europe.

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