

MEDIA INFORMATION

BENTELER recognized for sustainable practices

- **Outstanding commitment to Corporate Social Responsibility:** The BENTELER Group receives the silver medal from EcoVadis and Austria's Leading Companies Award in the sustainability category.
- **Continuous improvement:** Progress across all four sustainability focus areas.
- **Comprehensive sustainability strategy:** BENTELER embraces responsible action across all divisions.

Salzburg/Paderborn, October 29, 2025. The BENTELER Group has been awarded the Silver Medal by EcoVadis, the world's largest provider of sustainability ratings. This places the company among the top 15% of all companies worldwide assessed by EcoVadis in the past twelve months. In addition, BENTELER was recently honored with the Austria's Leading Companies (ALC) Award in the sustainability category. The award assesses the ESG performance – environment, social and governance-related issues – of Austria's 165 highest-revenue companies and establishes an ESG performance ranking. BENTELER was recognized as the best company in Salzburg.

"Both awards underscore our commitment to Corporate Social Responsibility. They show that our wide-ranging efforts, particularly our consistent efforts to reduce CO₂ emissions and take responsibility for future generations, are being recognized and rewarded," says Ralf Göttel, CEO of the BENTELER Group.

Progress in all four core sustainability areas

The EcoVadis assessment covers 21 sustainability criteria across four core topics: environment, labor and human rights, ethics and sustainable procurement. EcoVadis has evaluated more than 85,000 companies worldwide. "The BENTELER Group improved in all four areas of sustainability. The EcoVadis process validates our commitments, practices and performance in the field of sustainability and provides a clear roadmap on how we can create additional value for the environment and society," explains Stefan Henkelmann, Director Divisional Strategy & Group Sustainability Office at the BENTELER Group.

EcoVadis sustainability ratings are based on international standards such as the

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ten principles of the UN Global Compact, the conventions of the International Labour Organization (ILO), the Global Reporting Initiative (GRI) standards, and ISO 26000. The ratings provide evidence-based insights into performance and an actionable roadmap for continuous improvement.

Comprehensive sustainability strategy: BENTELER is committed to responsible action across all divisions

With several energy-intensive production sites, the BENTELER Group is acutely aware of its environmental and social responsibility. The company aims to achieve net-zero emissions by 2050. “We are pursuing a comprehensive sustainability strategy focused on five key areas: climate change, circular economy, water, employees and working conditions, and sustainable corporate governance,” adds Stefan Henkelmann.

Important milestones, especially in the area of climate action, include the complete conversion of more than 70% of BENTELER’s 67 global plants to green electricity. In addition, the BENTELER Steel/Tube division, which operates its own electric steel plant in Lingen, produces steel from almost 100% recycled scrap.

“We take sustainability beyond our production processes,” concludes CEO Ralf Göttel, referring to the company’s mobility solutions in the automotive division. “With intelligent lightweight construction, BENTELER is helping to make vehicles even more efficient. And with HOLON urban, the fully electric, autonomous shuttle from our subsidiary HOLON, we are shaping the mobility of the future – safe, inclusive, and emission-free.”

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Stefan Henkelmann accepted the ALC ESG Award on October 21. The award recognizes BENTELER as the best company in Salzburg for ESG performance and sustainability activities. (Photo © "Die Presse"/Günther Peroutka)



More than 70% of BENTELER's production sites worldwide are powered by green electricity. The company relies on sustainable on-site solutions, particularly with photovoltaic systems, and uses the electricity generated on site – including in Shenyang, China.



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About BENTELER

BENTELER is a global group of companies serving customers in automotive technology, the energy sector and mechanical engineering. As a specialist in the field of metal processing, we develop, produce and distribute safety-related products, systems and services worldwide. We are guided by our corporate values of courage, ambition and respect.

In the 2024 financial year, Group revenues were around €8.2 billion.

The BENTELER Group is steered by the strategic management holding, BENTELER International AG, headquartered in Salzburg, Austria. Our more than 20,000 employees at around 90 locations worldwide offer first-class manufacturing and sales competence – all dedicated to delivering a first-class service wherever our customers need us.

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About BENTELER Automotive Components

The BENTELER Automotive Components division consolidates our activities in component manufacturing. As a development partner for the world's leading automotive manufacturers, we create tailored solutions for our customers. The product portfolio includes components for chassis, bodywork, engine and exhaust systems.

About BENTELER Automotive Modules

The BENTELER Automotive Modules division is a full-service supplier with maximum customer orientation. The division specializes in the production and assembly of modules for the world's leading automotive manufacturers.

About BENTELER Steel/Tube

BENTELER Steel/Tube develops and produces seamless and welded quality steel tubes. As one of the leading manufacturers, we offer our customers solutions worldwide, along the entire value chain – from material development to tube applications. In this way we create tailor-made tube products for the automotive, energy and industry market segments.

Launched in 2023, the CliMore® product family saves up to 85% of CO2 emissions compared with conventional steel production by using green electricity and recycled materials instead of ore. This enables our customers to effectively reduce their upstream emissions from purchased materials and thus achieve their climate targets.

About HOLON

HOLON is one of the first vehicle manufacturers for autonomous movers with the standards and scaling potential that we know from the automotive industry. With our platform technology, vehicle expertise and strong partner network, we aim to redefine passenger transportation. To do this, HOLON works with technology companies, local public transport companies and mobility-as-a-service providers.

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