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GFT "Rising Star of the Year" at Investors' Darling – Reliable communication in turbulent times

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Stuttgart, 25 September - Crises and disruptive events are becoming more frequent. It is difficult for investors to keep track in this volatile environment. **Transparent and reliable financial communication** is therefore more important than ever. **GFT** took **3rd place** in the SDAX in the renowned "**Investors' Darling**" capital market competition, marking it as one of the best financial communicators in Germany. The company even improved its overall ranking by 86 places to 20th overall. In addition, GFT was named "**Rising Star of the Year**".

"We focus on reliability, transparency and long-term relationships in our financial communications as well as in our business. Our investors appreciate this, and the fact that this is honoured at Investors' Darling is a valuable confirmation of the hard work that our entire team puts in every day," said GFT CFO Jochen Ruetz, who accepted the award. Ruetz added: "I am grateful for this great feedback and see it as an incentive to push our capital market communication even further."

As part of the competition, which is organised annually by **manager magazin**, **Berenberg Bank** and the **HHL Leipzig Graduate School of Management**, the jury analyses and evaluates the reporting and investor relations activities as well as the capital market performance of the 160 largest German companies from the DAX, MDAX and SDAX indices.

The ranking is based on a **comprehensive analysis of** companies' **capital market communication** using several hundred criteria. The dimensions of reporting, investor relations and capital market performance are covered, which is based on the share price development compared to the industry over the last three years as well as a survey of analysts and investors.



Michael Freitag, Deputy Editor-in-Chief of manager magazin (left) and Jochen Ruetz, CFO of GFT
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GFT is a pioneer in digital transformation. The company develops sustainable solutions based on new technologies, including artificial intelligence and blockchain/DLT. The range of services includes the modernisation of core systems, the migration to open cloud platforms and the introduction of energy-efficient code.

GFT's strengths are its in-depth technical expertise, strong partnerships and comprehensive industry knowledge. This enables the company to specifically shape the digital transformation of its clients in the finance, insurance and manufacturing industries. Through the intelligent use of technology, GFT clients benefit from greater added value and higher productivity. GFT's experts develop and implement scalable software applications. In doing so, they make access to innovative business models secure and easy.

With locations in more than 15 markets worldwide, GFT guarantees proximity to its clients. The company also combines more than 35 years of experience and a global team of over 10,000 dedicated talents. GFT offers them career opportunities in the most innovative areas of software development. The GFT Technologies SE share is listed on the SDAX of Deutsche Börse (ticker: GFT-XE).

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