

## **Continental has once again honoured the ALTEN Group with its "Supplier of the Year" award.**

- **For the second time since 2014 ALTEN received an international "Supplier of the Year" award from Continental in 2018 in the "Engineering" category**
- **This accolade further cements ALTEN's standing as a leading development partner in the area of new mobility technologies and digitalisation.**

Coburg 25.07.19. For more than ten years Continental Automotive has been honouring its best suppliers and service providers with its annual "Supplier of the Year" awards. And the successful partnership between Continental and ALTEN has blossomed over almost the same period of time. On 25 July at its "Supplier Day 2019" event Continental again bestowed this much-coveted accolade upon the ALTEN Group in the "Engineering (Hard- und Software)" category as its leading development partner in recognition of the company's outstanding performance over the year. The jury focused in particular on the areas of customer satisfaction at the levels of quality, technology, engagement, costs and purchasing conditions. In front of the guests from around the globe Nikolai Setzer (Spokesman of the Automotive Board), Günter Fella (Senior Vice President Purchasing Automotive), Matthias Epe (Senior Vice President Purchasing Production Equipment & Engineering Services) and Johann Trapp (Head of Purchasing Engineering Services) recognised the services of the award-winning companies in 2018.

The award was accepted in person by Simon Azoulay, CEO of the ALTEN Group, and Yves-Antoine Brun, Managing Director of ALTEN Deutschland. "The confidence in our company illustrated once again by the award of this accolade makes us feel very proud. It serves as recognition of our exceptional teamwork and ability to again surpass our own best achievements for our customer Continental at the global level even in a highly dynamic market environment" said Simon Azoulay, thus further cementing the longstanding ties between the two companies. That agility and international partnership are more important than ever today which was also emphasised by Yves-Antoine Brun: "As a technology and engineering company we must constantly take into account the needs of our OEMs and Tier 1 customers in equal measure. The process understanding of both worlds embedded in scalable development environments and the networking of know-how carriers is a key added value of our project landscape for Continental".

ALTEN's strategy is clearly formulated and consistent, states Dr. Shahnam Afshar, Executive Division Director und Global Account Manager for Continental. "We strive constantly to be the most reliable and efficient development partner for our customers. This is a goal we have been pursuing with an unwavering focus for many years. We would especially like to thank our colleagues, who with an abundance of commitment and an inter-disciplinary mindset and approach ensure project success across international borders. This accolade is their reward."

Companies were selected from a pool of around 900 strategic suppliers in 14 product categories, who in turn operate in the six core areas of electronics, electromechanics, metal, plastic and rubber, investment and engineering services as well as division-specific solutions.

### **About ALTEN**

Founded in 1988 and with 34,000 employees, of whom around 88% are highly-qualified engineers, the ALTEN Group is one of the leading development service providers in Europe. In 25 countries ALTEN works on research and development projects along the entire product development process for prestigious customers in all leading branches of industry and in IT and telecommunications. In 2018 the ALTEN Group reported a total turnover of 2.269 billion euros.