

## PRESS RELEASE

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### **West Trax Quality Award Winner Boehringer Ingelheim exceeds its own industry best.**

Boehringer Ingelheim, one of the world's leading pharmaceutical companies, had already tested its SAP systems with the analyst West Trax in 2015 and 2016, in order to ensure the future-proof and efficient migration capability to SAP S/4HANA. Following the consistent implementation of the measures recommended by West Trax and the necessary housekeeping activities, the BMP Microparts system was able to undercut the industry's best performance in the "Custom Code Performance" category and set a new benchmark for the industry.



A repeat measurement at the beginning of March 2017 confirmed the sustainability of the implemented measures. Boehringer Ingelheim not only managed to top this result, but still holds the best result in the West Trax benchmark database. Additionally, the system still fulfills all requirements for a West Trax Gold Quality Award.

For the maturity measurements, the West Trax proprietary KPI Scan<sup>®</sup> methodology and the KPI Scan model, certified by the German Chamber of Commerce - IHK Darmstadt, were used. This is based on a benchmark database of more than 1,500 system analyses.

The project leader Alfred Schlägel and the SAP team from Boehringer Ingelheim, headed by Mr. Andreas Henrich, Head of IT ERP Platform, are the key factors in this success. Diana Bohr, CTO of West Trax, presented both with a symbolic gold bar.



Photo from left to right: Andreas Henrich, Diana Bohr, Alfred Schlägel

"The West Trax analyses support us in implementing sustainable optimization measures and in increasing the the long term quality of our SAP system utilization. In this way, we are significantly improving the future security of our SAP systems, especially with regard to a future migration to S/4HANA. "

Diane Bohr, CTO of West Trax: "The SAP team at Boehringer Ingelheim is once again demonstrating that SAP systems, which have grown in size, can be efficiently prepared for future requirements with the necessary transparency."

**West Trax:**

Since its founding in 2003, the analyst West Trax has specialized in the objective analysis of SAP systems. In addition to a certified KPI model, numerous tools and methods are used. The analysis cover the areas of future security, cost, productivity, complexity, performance and quality, as well as project-specific investigations in the run-up to, for example, upgrades, consolidation or outsourcing. West Trax has a comprehensive benchmark database for comparative purposes. The workshop-free approach in the form of an offline analysis requires only minimal resources on the client's part. Results, transparency and robust facts are available as a basis for optimization projects within a few weeks.

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