



Press Release

## **Deloitte appoints sonnen as one of the ten fastest growing technology companies in Germany**

**Wildpoldsried, 10. November 2016** – The sonnen Group, European market leader for intelligent energy storage systems, has been awarded the "Deloitte Technology Fast 50 Award" for the second time in a row. sonnen achieved a Top 10 placement in this year's ranking.

The award is given annually to the fastest growing technology companies for innovative and entrepreneurial excellence. The ranking considers the average percentage of sales growth over the past four business years. sonnen is represented with an accomplished growth rate of 576 %.

"We are delighted to be once again among the winners of the Deloitte Technology Fast 50 Award and see this as a recognition of our hard work over the past few years," says Philipp Schröder, Sales and Marketing Director at sonnen GmbH. "After being confirmed as market leader across the world's most important storage markets, this is the second corporate recognition for sonnen within a short period."

"We are delighted that many companies from the technology sector have applied for the Fast 50 Award this year with impressive ideas. This once again illustrates the innovative strength in Germany. Smart IT solutions and business processes are facing a significant demand in the digital age. All Fast 50 participants have recognized this need and have successfully exploited their potential in international competition," explains Dr. Andreas Gentner, Partner and Head of Technology, Media & Telecommunications at Deloitte.

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The sonnenBatterie is an intelligent energy storage system, which in combination with a photovoltaic system secures a large supply of self-generated electricity. More than 15,000 sonnenBatteries have already been installed worldwide. In the sonnenCommunity, members are cross-linked with each other and can share their self-generated electricity and become fully independent of conventional energy suppliers. In fact, with the sonnenFlat, community members are eligible to receive their excess need of electricity free of charge.

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#### **About sonnen**

sonnen is one of the fastest growing companies in Germany. In the ranking of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), sonnen is one of the top 50 Smartest Companies 2016 in addition to Amazon, Facebook and Tesla. Among the investors of the company is the US technology group General Electric. Globally, sonnen is supplying more than 50,000 people with renewable energy. The sonnenCommunity is the first online network to share self-generated, clean electricity.

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