## Outstanding performances TDK honors its distribution partners in Europe

- Gold for Avnet Abacus, Digi-Key Electronics Europe and Elhurt Spólka
- Silver for TTI Europe, Farnell element 14 Europe and Beckmann Elektronik
- Bronze for Arrow Electronics Europe and Mouser Electronics Europe

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TDK Europe has once again honored its best distribution partners for TDK and EPCOS components. The TDK European Distribution Award 2017 was presented in the three categories of international volume distribution, high-service distribution and local distribution. The gold award went to Avnet Abacus, Digi-Key Electronics and to the Polish distributor Elhurt Spólka.

This is the fifth time that these awards have been presented in Europe. "I am particularly pleased that we were also able to extend this successful program in China in 2017 and now in Japan and Korea," says Dietmar Jaeger, head of the TDK's distribution business in Europe and Vice President of the Global Sales Distribution.

In Europe the vast majority of prizewinners were able to raise the bar from the already high level of the previous year. The highest score this year was attained by Avnet Abacus, therefore recognized with a gold award in the international volume distribution category.

Also in this category, silver went to TTI Europe and bronze to Arrow Electronics Europe.

In the high-service distribution category, Digi-Key Electronics won the gold award, while silver went to Farnell element 14 and bronze to Mouser Electronics. As best local distributors, Elhurt Spólka in Poland received the gold award, while silver went to the German company Beckmann Elektronik.

This annual assessment of distribution partners is based on TDK's "Senten Manten" program. This Japanese term stands for the perfect result that can be achieved with 1000 points. The awards are based on the distributors' performances and collaboration with TDK in four categories: business development, inventory management, contractual terms and operational excellence. In order to receive an award, a minimum score of 600 points is necessary.

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TDK Corporation is a leading electronics company based in Tokyo, Japan. It was established in 1935 to commercialize ferrite, a key material in electronic and magnetic products. TDK's comprehensive portfolio features passive components such as ceramic, aluminum electrolytic and film capacitors, as well as magnetics, high-frequency, and piezo and protection devices. The product spectrum also includes sensors and sensor systems such as temperature and pressure, magnetic, and MEMS sensors. In addition, TDK provides power supplies and energy devices, magnetic heads and more. These products are marketed under the product brands TDK, EPCOS, InvenSense, Micronas, Tronics and TDK-Lambda. TDK focuses on demanding markets in the areas of information and communication technology and automotive, industrial and consumer electronics. The company has a network of design and manufacturing locations and sales of USD 12 billion and employed about 103,000 people worldwide.

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