

# Press Release

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### AT&S among top 30 foreign investors in Shanghai, China

**Furious growth, formidable performance and impressive direct investment: AT&S, Europe's largest producer of printed circuit boards and technology leader, was one of 30 international top players honoured by Shanghai Municipality at the end of July 2008.**

With an uninterrupted record of growth and success and a formidable USD 500 million investment, AT&S is considered among the top 30 foreign investors in Shanghai, along with corporate groups such as Coca Cola, Unilever or Siemens. A book *Better Together – Records of Shanghai Foreign Investment Development* was published in July 2008 to celebrate the 1978 economic reforms that marked the introduction of the market economy. It provides an insight into the development of Shanghai over the last 30 years, and outlines the success stories of 30 international enterprises whose investments have made a lasting difference to China's industrial metropolis.

"Although the history of AT&S in Shanghai is still relatively short, our seven years' presence in the Chinese marketplace has contributed a number of impressive achievements. In financial 2005/06, 34 percent of our sales were in Asia, while today it is 54 percent. Shanghai is the central pillar of our growth strategy," emphasises Harald Sommerer, CEO of AT&S. With a total investment of about USD 500 million, and around 3,200 employees in Shanghai, AT&S is the largest Austrian investor in China. "When you think that there are over 40,000 international enterprises with operations in Shanghai, this award is a signal honour – a recognition of our achievement so far, and an incentive for the future," says Sommerer enthusiastically.

The Austrian AT&S Group has been represented in Shanghai by its subsidiary AT&S (China) Co., Ltd. since 2001. AT&S's first factory began operations in 2002, and now the ramp-up of the third facility is underway. The Shanghai location, with its three facilities on a total of 100,000 m<sup>2</sup>, is AT&S's largest production site. All three plants concentrate on high density interconnection technology for the mass production of laser drilled HDI circuit boards, which are principally used in mobile devices such as mobile telephones and digital cameras.

#### About AT&S

AT&S Austria Technologie & Systemtechnik Aktiengesellschaft is European market leader and one of the world's strongest-performing printed circuit board manufacturers. AT&S is extremely well positioned in the market for high-tech HDI Microvia printed circuit boards, which are chiefly used in mobile devices. The company is also highly successful in the automotive, industrial, and medical sectors. As a high-growth international enterprise, AT&S has a global presence with six production facilities – three in Austria (Leoben, Fehring, Klagenfurt) and one each in India (Nanjangud), China (Shanghai), and Korea (Ansan, near Seoul) – and 17 sales and marketing offices. The group employs more than 6,300 people worldwide and generates revenues of almost half a billion euro.

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