Daikin recognized in two global top 100 innovation rankings

**Brussels, 18 March, 2024 – Daikin has been recognized in two global top 100 innovation rankings. For the first time, LexisNexis selected Daikin as part of its Innovation Momentum 2024: The Global Top 100 ranking, based on an analysis of patent data and Daikin’s emphasis on sustainability in its heating, ventilating, air conditioning and refrigerating (HVAC-R) innovations. For the ninth time, Clarivate named Daikin one of the world’s 100 most innovative companies, leading the world in technology research and intellectual property patents.**

**Clarivate Top 100 Global Innovators 2024**

Daikin Europe’s Japan-based parent company Daikin Industries has been recognized among the ‘Top 100 Global Innovators 2024’ by international information services provider Clarivate Plc (London, UK). This is the ninth time Clarivate has honoured Daikin since 2012, following its 2021 award. Leveraging its extensive proprietary patent data, Clarivate analyses intellectual property (IP) trends and evaluates companies and research institutions worldwide. Eligible companies are selected based on criteria such as the number of innovations filed since the year 2000 that are granted within a five-year timeframe, and their scores on metrics such as influence, success, investment and rarity.

**LexisNexis Innovation Momentum 2024: The Global Top 100**

For the first time, Daikin Industries has been selected for ‘Innovation Momentum 2024: The Global Top 100’, a ranking which recognizes 100 innovative companies that are leading the future of science and technology worldwide. Only five Japanese companies were selected this year by leading global information and analytics provider LexisNexis (New York, USA). Daikin was recognized based on a patent data analysis and for its emphasis on sustainability in its HVAC-R innovations. LexisNexis evaluates the competitiveness of companies based on the value and strength of momentum in their IP portfolio over the past two years, assessing changes in their technological value and development capabilities.

**Intellectual property portfolio strategies and global IP operation system**

Employing a strategic IP approach, Daikin establishes and reinforces IP portfolios that contribute to its business. Leadership works in close cooperation with R&D and Sales Departments to exchange IP insights and market trend analyses, which in turn inform IP strategies. Daikin also expands IP landscape activities to build business and IP strategies through backcasting. To disseminate such activities at its locations worldwide, Daikin has created a global IP Operation System and continually fosters the improvement and reinforcement of global intellectual property portfolios.

**Granting access to patents for refrigerants with low global warming potential**

As a leading HVAC-R manufacturer with global business operations, Daikin allows the use of selected patents by other companies to contribute to the reduction of greenhouse gases by the entire HVAC-R industry. For example, in 2011, Daikin granted emerging countries free access to 93 patents related to air conditioning equipment utilizing refrigerant HFC-32 (R32). Daikin expanded access to this refrigerant with lower global warming potential (GWP) to all countries worldwide in 2015. Moreover, in 2019, Daikin expanded the scope of patents and pledged the non-assertion of those patents to support conversion to refrigerants with high energy savings and lower GWP.

**Strengthening R&D on global scale and partnering with industry and academia**

Daikin is working to strengthen R&D on a global scale to realise its growth strategies as part of its Fusion 25 plan: achieving carbon neutrality, expanding its customer-centric solutions business and value creation with air. In addition to acquiring intellectual property rights and preventing the infringement of other companies’ intellectual property rights, Daikin will continue to create intellectual properties through partnerships with industry and academia. Daikin is also establishing a network with other companies and researchers by granting of free access to Daikin-patented technologies.

**Further information**

About LexisNexis ‘Innovation Momentum 2024: The Global Top 100’:  
[www.lexisnexisip.com/resources/stories/innovation-report](http://www.lexisnexisip.com/resources/stories/innovation-report)

About Clarivate ‘Top 100 Global Innovators 2024’:  
[www.clarivate.com/top-100-innovators](http://www.clarivate.com/top-100-innovators)

**About Daikin Europe N.V.**

The Daikin Europe N.V. is a subsidiary of the global group Daikin Industries, and the leading provider of heating, cooling, ventilation, air purification and refrigeration (HVAC&R) technology in Europe, Middle East and Africa. Daikin designs, manufactures, and brings to market a broad portfolio of products, maintenance services as well as turnkey solutions for residential, commercial and industrial purposes. To date, Daikin Europe has over 13,700 employees across more than 57 consolidated subsidiaries. It has 14 manufacturing facilities based in Belgium, the Czech Republic, Germany, Italy, Spain, Austria, the United Kingdom, Turkey, the United Arab Emirates, and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. The headquarters of the Daikin Europe group are in Ostend, Belgium. The company was established in 1972, production in Europe started in 1973.

**About Daikin Industries Ltd.**

Daikin Industries was founded in 1924, in Osaka, Japan. The global group employs over 96,000 people worldwide and is the market leader for heat pump and air conditioning systems and air filtration. It is the world’s only manufacturer that develops and manufactures heating, ventilation, air conditioning and refrigeration equipment, as well as refrigerants in-house. The company achieved € 28.2 billion sales turnover in fiscal year 2022 (1 April 2022 – 31 March 2023).

Read more on [www.daikin.eu](http://www.daikin.eu/) and [www.daikin.com](http://www.daikin.com/).

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