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MHP wins Best of Consulting 2026

Award for Group-Wide IT Performance Program

- WirtschaftsWoche recognises MHP in the Operations category for optimising IT costs worldwide for an international group
- The programme connects group companies and regions through a shared approach to efficiency management
- Savings in the billions are intended to make a significant contribution to earnings and safeguard investment in future-focused areas

Ludwigsburg – Management and IT consultancy MHP has secured third place in the Operations category at the 2026 Best of Consulting Awards presented by WirtschaftsWoche. The award recognises the "Global IT Perform" project, through which MHP is supporting an international corporation in sustainably optimising its IT costs and unlocking savings potential across its global operations.

Stefano Esposito, Partner at MHP, says: "The award validates our approach of unlocking sustainable efficiency potential through global transparency and consistent management, enabling investment in future-focused areas such as AI and digitalisation."

From Local Cost-Saving Measures to Global Management

To improve the efficiency of the IT organisation while securing financial headroom for new investments, MHP and the client established a group-wide IT performance programme that unlocks cross-company synergies and consolidates local measures across the group.

To this end, MHP developed and established a consistent governance framework, a shared system of objectives for all participating group companies and binding principles for collaboration.

Specific levers such as group-wide cost reviews, infrastructure harmonisation, application decommissioning and licence optimisation deliver tangible savings: the cost reviews alone generated more than 650 measures, with savings in the high double-digit millions.

Dr Benjamin Schäfer-Nolte, Associated Partner and Project Lead at MHP, says: "Our task was to translate strategic guidelines into concrete management mechanisms and cost savings. In doing so, we established a consistent and transparent framework that drives synergies across subsidiaries and regions while ensuring their effective implementation and tracking."

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The key was not merely to define savings targets, but to ensure their implementation throughout the organisation. More than 3,000 local initiatives and best practices were systematically brought together, reported against consistent criteria and managed via a global dashboard. This approach combines local accountability with group-wide transparency.

Sustainable savings create headroom for investment

The result: after around two and a half years, the original savings targets have been exceeded. Half of the savings have been achieved through collaboration across subsidiaries – synergies that would not have been possible through purely local optimisation. More than 20 initiatives aimed at reducing bureaucracy have made day-to-day IT operations noticeably more efficient. Particularly noteworthy is the clear focus on embedding these improvements sustainably: efficiency is not treated as a one-off cost-cutting programme, but as a permanent management discipline embedded in the IT organisation. This includes global Best Practice Hubs with more than 1,000 participants, where proven solutions and AI use cases are shared and scaled across the group, as well as internal Efficiency Awards that recognise successful initiatives.

About the Best of Consulting Award

With the Best of Consulting Award, WirtschaftsWoche honours outstanding consulting projects. The focus is on the quality of the consulting services and the value the projects create for clients. MHP has now won the prestigious business award for the fifteenth consecutive year.

About MHP

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