



## Ford Honors KUKA Automatisering + Robots N.V. at 20th Annual World Excellence Awards

- KUKA Automatisering + Robots N.V. in Belgium was honored by Ford Motor Company with an World Excellence Award in the category “Aligned Business Framework”
- Ford’s World Excellence Awards recognize companies that exceed expectations to achieve the highest levels of excellence in quality, delivery, value and innovation
- Suppliers like KUKA are key to Ford’s success as it works to become the world’s most trusted mobility company

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**DEARBORN, Mich., May 15, 2018** – KUKA was recognized as a top-performing global supplier for Ford Motor Company at the 20th annual Ford World Excellence Awards. Only 88 companies were selected as finalists from thousands of Ford suppliers globally.

KUKA was presented with an Aligned Business Framework Award by Ford Motor Company’s Joe Hinrichs, executive vice president and president, global operations, and Hau Thai-Tang, executive vice president, product development and purchasing.

“We are very proud of being selected as one the top-performing global suppliers for Ford Motor Company with our Automatic Fog Lamp Aiming system for the new Ford Focus consisting of collaborative robots working without a safety fence in cooperation with human workers,” said Dr. Luc Vastmans, CEO of KUKA in Belgium who integrated the collaborative robots in the complete Head and Foglamp setting system.

“Our World Excellence awards recognize the outstanding achievements of Ford Motor Company’s top-performing suppliers around the world,” said Thai-Tang. “Suppliers like KUKA are key to Ford’s continued success as we work towards our goal of becoming world’s most trusted mobility company.”



Honorees were recognized for achieving the highest levels of global excellence in a variety of categories, including:

- Primary Brand Pillars – quality, green, safe and smart
- Aligned Business Framework principles focused on quality, delivery, value and innovation
- Lincoln Luxury
- Supplier Diversity Development

## About Ford Motor Company

Ford Motor Company is a global company based in Dearborn, Michigan. The company designs, manufactures, markets and services a full line of Ford cars, trucks, SUVs, electrified vehicles and Lincoln luxury vehicles, provides financial services through Ford Motor Credit Company and is pursuing leadership positions in electrification, autonomous vehicles and mobility solutions. Ford employs approximately 202,000 people worldwide. For more information regarding Ford, its products and Ford Motor Credit Company, please visit [www.corporate.ford.com](http://www.corporate.ford.com).

## About KUKA Systems GmbH

KUKA Systems is the reliable specialist for innovative joining and forming processes for a wide range of materials as well as one of the world's leading suppliers of automated production and assembly solutions for sustainable industrial manufacturing. The international system integrator stands out in systems, tool & die and special-machine engineering thanks to customer focus, technological leadership and superior solutions. Over 5,800 employees across all market sectors are working on automation solutions for the products of tomorrow – from engineering, project management and systems implementation through to after-sales service.