# Top 50 Ranking of German Firms in the U.S. Breaking the \$300 Billion Barrier

By Nicola Michels & Ning Wang, GACC New York

whopping 90% of German subsidiaries in the United States showed healthy gains in the Top 50 Ranking of German Firms conducted by the German American Chambers of Commerce. Their entities are investing in business expansions and new hires throughout the United States. Overall, the sales performance increased by 7.5% to over \$318 billion in 2011 from \$295 billion in 2010. The Top 50 now create over 461,000 jobs, up from 427,000 in 2010.

In particular, the continued boom in the automobile industry benefited the premium carmakers Daimler, VW and BMW with double digit growth figures. As in the previous year, Daimler Group leads the Top 50 again, followed closely by Volkswagen.

These numbers prove that the U.S. economic upturn gathered pace as the year progressed, and the risk of sliding back into a recession consequently receded further into the background. This also underlines the results of the current German American Business Outlook survey. Not only do companies continue to innovate, grow and hire, but 72% saw an improvement of sales volumes and 86% were forecasting growth.

Many of the Top 50 companies manufacture in the U.S. for regional and international markets, sourcing locally and thereby creating local value. For example, BMW had invested \$4.6 billion in its Spartanburg plant in 2010 and has subsequently sold 14.4% more cars in the U.S. ThyssenKrupp is also one of the "climbers" compared to last year (from \$6.7 billion to \$9.2 billion in 2011). Their Chairman & CEO, Torsten Gessner, explains the success with their recent investments of "tens of millions of dollars in plant expansions and acquisitions in the last year alone".

Siemens USA is yet again the largest employer with over 60,000 employees. Eric Spiegel, President & CEO, believes in the U.S. as a "vital production location, an important research center and a key base from which we export to

the rest of the world". The second biggest employer is Fresenius Medical Care, the world's largest dialysis services provider, employs over 45,000 people. With a sales volume of over \$8 billion, the North American market now accounts for 64% of its global revenue.

Only 10% of the Top 50 companies suffered losses in 2011 - one of them being Hannover Re Insurance, stating that the year 2011 was "the second most expensive in its history" mostly due to huge insurance claims from catastrophic events such as Hurricane Irene or the Joplin Tornado.

For the remainder of 2012, German companies are confident, planning on increasing their investments, adding more jobs and expanding their footprint in the U.S..



Rank	Company	Location	Website	German Parent Company			
1	Daimler Group	NJ / OR / MI	www.daimler.com	Daimler AG, Stuttgart			
2	Volkswagen Group of America	Herndon, VA	www.vw.com	Volkswagen AG, Wolfsburg			
3	T-Mobile USA	Bellevue, WA	www.t-mobile.com	Deutsche Telekom AG, Bonn			
4	BASF Corp.	Florham Park, NJ	www.basf.us	BASF SE, Ludwigshafen			
5	Siemens USA Holdings	New York, NY	www.usa.siemens.com	Siemens AG, Munich			
5	BMW Group	Woodcliff Lake, NJ	www.bmwusa.com	BMW AG, Munich			
7	Allianz of America	New York, NY	www.allianz.com	Allianz SE, Munich			
8	DHL Holdings (USA), Inc.	Plantation, FL	www.dhl.com	Deutsche Post AG, Bonn			
9	Bayer Corporation	Pittsburgh, PA	www.bayerus.com	Bayer AG, Leverkusen			
10	Robert Bosch, LLC	Farmington Hills, MI	www.bosch.us	Robert Bosch GmbH, Stuttgart			
11	ThyssenKrupp USA, Inc.	Chicago, IL	www.thyssenkrupp.com	ThyssenKrupp AG, Düsseldorf			
12	Trader Joe's Co.	Monrovia, CA	www.traderjoes.com	Aldi Einkauf GmbH & Co.oHG, Essen			
13	Boehringer Ingelheim Corp.	Ridgefield, CT	us.boehringer-ingelheim.com	Boehringer Ingelheim GmbH, Ingelheim am Rhein			
14	Continental Automotive Systems	Auburn Hills, MI	www.conti-online.com	Continental AG, Hannover			
15	Heraeus Incorporated	New York, NY	www.heraeus.com	Heraeus Holding GmbH, Hanau			
16	Fresenius Medical Care Holdings, Inc.	Waltham, MA	www.fmcna.com	Fresenius Medical Care AG +KGaA, Hof a.d. Saale			
1 <i>7</i>	Turner Construction Co.	New York, NY	www.turnerconstruction.com	Hochtief AG, Essen			
18	Aldi, Inc.	Batavia, IL	www.aldi.us	Aldi Einkauf GmbH & Co.oHG, Essen			
19	SAP Americas	Newtown Square, PA	www.sap.com	SAP AG, Walldorf			
20	Lufthansa Group	East Meadow, NY	www.lufthansa.com	Deutsche Lufthansa AG, Köln			
21	adidas America, Inc.	Portland, OR	www.adidas.com	adidas AG, Herzogenaurach			
22	LEHIGH Hanson Inc.	Allentown, PA	www.lehighhanson.com	HeidelbergCement AG, Heidelberg			
23	Munich Reinsurance America, Inc.	Princeton, NJ	www.munichreamerica.com	Münchner Rückversicherungsgesellschaft, Munich			
24	Henkel of America, Inc.	Rocky Hill, CT	www.henkel.us	Henkel KGaA, Düsseldorf			
25	Linde North America	Murray Hill, NJ	www.lindeus.com	Linde Group, Munich			
26	Hannover Life Re America	Orlando, FL	www.hlramerica.com	Hannover Rückversicherungs AG, Hannover			
27	Porsche Cars North America, Inc.	Atlanta, GA	www.porsche.com/usa	Porsche AG, Stuttgart			
28	Evonik Degussa Corp.	Parsippany, NJ	www.north-america.evonik.com	Evonik Industries AG, Essen			
29	Random House Bertelsmann	New York, NY	www.randomhouse.com	Bertelsmann AG, Gütersloh			
30	DB U.S. Holding Corp.	Tarrytown, NY	www.dbschenkerusa.com	Deutsche Bahn AG, Berlin			
31	Lanxess	Pittsburgh, PA	www.lanxess.us	Lanxess AG, Leverkusen			
32	Helm U.S. Corporation	Piscataway, NJ	www.helmusa.com	Helm AG, Hamburg			
33	ZF Group North American Operations Inc.	Northville, MI	www.zf.com/na	ZF Friedrichshafen AG, Friedrichshafen			
34	K+S North America	New York, NY	www.k-plus-s.com	K+S AG, Kassel			
35	Freudenberg-NOK General Partnership	Plymouth, MI	www.freudenberg.us	Freudenberg Dichtungs-und Schwingungstechnik, Weinheim			
36	E.ON Climate & Renwables North America	Chicago, IL	www.eoncma.com	E.ON AG, Düsseldorf			
37	B. Braun Medical, Inc.	Bethlehem, PA	www.bbraunusa.com	B.Braun, Melsungen AG			
38	Knorr Brake Holding Corp.	Watertown, NY	www.knorrbrakecorp.com	Knorr Bremse AG, Munich			
39	Beiersdorf, Inc .	Wilton, CT	www.beiersdorfusa.com/	Beiersdorf AG, Hamburg			
40	Puma North America, Inc.	Westford, MA	www.puma.com	Puma SE, Herzogenaurach			
41	Wacker Chemical Corporation	Adrian, MI	www.wacker.com	Wacker Chemie AG, Munich			
42	STIHL Incorporated	Virginia Beach, VA	www.stihlusa.com	STIHL International GmbH, Waiblingen			
42	Brose North America, Inc.	Auburn Hills, MI	www.brose.com	Brose Gruppe, Coburg			
44	Wurth Group of North America Inc.	Ramsey, NJ	www.wuerth.com	Adolf Würth GmbH & Co. KG, Künzelsau-Gaisbach			
45	GEA	York, PA	www.geagroup.com	GEA Group AG, Düsseldorf			
46	Behr America, Inc.	Troy, MI	www.behrgroup.com	Behr GmbH & Co. KG, Stuttgart			
47	Schott North America, Inc.	Elmsford, NY	www.us.schott.com	Schott AG, Mainz			
48	Flatiron	Longmont, CO	www.flatironcorp.com	Hochtief AG, Essen			
49	Infineon Technologies North America Corp.	Milpitas, CA	www.infineon.com	Infineon Technologies AG, Munich			
50	BSH Home Appliances Corporation	Irvine, California	www.bsh-group.us	BSH Bosch und Siemens Hausgeräte GmbH, Munich			
			• •	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·			
11 Nort	th America (exclusive U.S. figures not available)	(4) Preliminary Figures	(7) remaining entity of E.ON U.S. LLC which became LG&E and KU Energy LLC				

<sup>(2)</sup> Gross Written Premium

<sup>(3)</sup> Americas

<sup>(5)</sup> Est. supermarketnews.com

<sup>(6)</sup> Results 2010

through aquisition by PPL Corporation

Conversion rate of  $1.39\ (2011\ annual\ average\ applied\ when\ sales\ given\ in\ EUR)$ 

		les (\$		Employees				
U.S. Top Executive	2011		2010	2011		2010	Business activity	Note
S. Cannon, MBUSA / M. Daum, DTNA / P. Zieringer, MBFS	28,753	Ť	26,157	20,702	1	18,295	Automotive	
Jonathan Browning	24,433	Ť	19,902	4,500	1	3,500	Automotive	(1)
Philipp Humm	20,618	Ţ	21,127	34,518	Ţ	37,795	Telecommunications	
Dr. Hans Engel	20,600	Ť	17,700	16,000	ţ	16,487	Chemicals	3)
Eric Spiegel	20,000	1	19,400	60,000	Ţ	62,000	IT/Communications, Transportation	
Ludwig Willisch	20,000	Ť	16,985	10,000	1	7,000	Automotive	(1)
Gary C. Bhowjani (Insurance) / Jay Ralph (Asset Management)	15,590	1	15,109	10,000	1	9,808	Insurance/Asset Management	(2)
J.P. Foley	12,260	1	11,643	29,000	1	27,000	Courier Services	(3)
Greg Babe	11,366	1	10,860	15,800	1	15,100	Pharmaceutical/Medical Products	1)
Werner Struth	9,800	Ţ	11,171	22,500	ļ	13,500	Automotive, Consumer Goods, Industrial Technology	(3,4)
Torsten Gessner	9,200	1	6,700	19,200	1	17,500	Steel, Stainless Steel, Capital Goods, Services	
Dan Bane	9,000	Ť	8,500	8,000	1	6,000	Grocery Stores	(1)
Paul R. Fonteyne	8,800	-	8,800	9,413	-	9,413	Pharma	(3,6)
Samir Salman	8,432	1	6,151	10,000	1	8,000	Automotive Components, Tires	(1)
Maike Schuh-Klaeren	8,222	t	6,342	1,811	1	1,736	Non-Ferrous Metals	
Rice Powell	8,150	1	9,219	45,577	1	39,000	Medical Products & Services	(1)
Peter J. Davoren	8,000	_	8,000	5,163		5,100	Construction	
Charles E. Youngstrom / Jason Hart		Ť	6,800	12,000		10,000	Grocery Stores	
Robert Courteau	7,081		5,810	15,473		10,700	Software	(3)
Jürgen Siebenrock	5,135		4,583	12,916		12,404	Air Transportation/Logistic/Catering	(3)
Herbert Hainer	4,318	· 1	3,805	11,706		10,210	Sports Wear	(1)
Daniel M. Harrington	4,225	1	3,973	11,586		11,899	Cement	(1)
Anthony J. Kuczinski	4,052	†	3,620	1,100		1,200	Insurance	(2)
,	3,693							(1)
Jeffrey C. Piccolomini		1	3,577	5,233		5,440	Industrial Organic Chemicals	
Patrick Murphy	,	1	2,200	5,000		6,977	Industrial Gases	(1)
Peter R. Schaefer	2,508		4,413		1	341	Reinsurance	(2)
Detlev von Platen	2,400	1	2,300		Ţ	300	Automotive	(1)
Thomas Bates	2,395		3,318	4,063		3,500	Specialty Chemicals	
Markus Dohle	2,367		2,358	5,063		5,264	Media, Publishing	
Dr. Christoph Bohl	2,257		2,198	6,300		5,981	Freight Transportation	
Randall S. Dearth	2,209	1	1,541	1,430		1,306	Specialty Chemicals	(1)
Michael Kuhlmann	2,017		2,089	300		300	Chemicals	
Julio Caspari	1,927		1,510	3,447		2,746	Automotive	
Karl-Georg Mielke	1,675	Î	1,222	1,854	Ţ	1,950	Chemicals	(1)
Norton / Heidingsfelder / Masumoto	1,615		1,482	6,983		4,224	Automotive	(1)
Steve Trenholm	1,500	1	2,052	150	1	3,000	Power Generation	(4,7)
Caroll H. Neubauer	1,485	1	1,452	4,064	Ţ	4,145	Medical/Surgical Devices	
Heinz Hermann Thiele	1,482	1	1,171	4,611	1	3,030	Railroad Equipment	(3)
Bill Graham	1,382	1	1,159	2,261	1	2,084	Branded Consumer Goods	(3)
Jay Piccola	1,346	1	1,085	2,978	1	2,659	Sports Wear	(3)
Ingomar Kovar	1,1 <i>7</i> 8	1	1,072	1,822	1	1,689	Chemicals	(3)
Fred J. Whyte	1,000	Ť	1,053	2,100	Ţ	2,125	Handheld outdoor power equipments	
Jan Kowal	1,000	Ť	740	3,500	1	2,750	Automotive Supplier	
Robert Stolz	927	1	787	2,742	1	2,500	Maintenance Supplies	
Lutz Wolf	902	1	<i>7</i> 93	2,382	1	2,163	Engineering Services	
Wilm Uhlenbecker	890	Ť	723	2,650	1	2,300	Automotive Thermal Management	
Linda S. Mayer	830	Ť	<i>7</i> 88	1,900	Ţ	2,600	Glass/Glass Ceramic Products	(1)
Tom Rademacher	759	Ţ	1,079	1,800	Ţ	1,990	Construction	
Jean-Baptiste Loire	592	Ť	499	476	Ţ	640	Semiconductors	
Michael Traub	579	Ť	572	1,266	Ţ	1,600	Kitchen Appliances	
	317,922		295,590	461,821		427,251		

23

## QUOTES



#### Torsten Gessner,

Chairman and CEO, ThyssenKrupp North America



"ThyssenKrupp has been part of the American landscape for over 170 years, and today, despite tough economic times, our U.S. subsidiaries are continuing to expand our footprint in the region. We have added jobs, increased sales and invested tens of millions of dollars in plant expansions and acquisitions in the last year alone. In fact, in fiscal year 2010/2011, ThyssenKrupp U.S. subsidiaries employed approximately 19,200, an increase of nearly 2,000 compared to fiscal year 2009/2010, and recorded sales of nearly \$9.2 billion, up from \$6.9 billion."

#### Jonathan Browning,

President and CEO, Volkswagen Group of America, Inc.



"2011 was a critical year for Volkswagen in the U.S., with our Chattanooga plant receiving Platinum LEED Certification, the 2012 Passat being named Motor Trend's Car of the Year, our quality and customer satisfaction metrics improving, and encouraging growth trends, the proof points of German Engineering and our commitment to the U.S. market are all bearing fruit."

#### Eric Spiegel,

President and CEO, Siemens Corporation

### **SIEMENS**

"Our 60,000 employees in the U.S. make it possible for Siemens to continually innovate and remain competitive in what is not only the company's largest market, but an extremely vital production location, one of our most important research centers, and a key base from which we export to the rest of the world."

#### **Top 10 Employers**

Rank	Company	'11 Employees	'10 Employees
1	Siemens USA Holdings	60,000	62,000
2	Fresenius Medical Care Holdings, Inc.	45,577	39,000
3	T-Mobile USA	34,518	37,795
4	DHL Holdings (USA), Inc.	29,000	27,000
5	Robert Bosch, LLC	22,500	13,500
6	Daimler Group	20,702	18,295
7	ThyssenKrupp USA, Inc.	19,200	17,500
8	BASF Corp.	16,000	16,487
9	Bayer Corporation	15,800	15,100
10	SAP Americas	15,473	10,700
	Total	278,770	257,377