

KIT Alumnus Listed on “Forbes 30 Under 30”

Business Magazine Ranks Pascal Stichler among the Most Influential Young Europeans in the Category of “Finance”



Pascal Stichler studied business engineering at KIT and established the transaction marketplace “Carl” for sales of private companies. (Photo: Carl Finance GmbH)

Pascal Stichler, alumnus of Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (KIT), has made it into the 2018 list of “Forbes 30 Under 30 Europe” in the category of “Finance” with his transaction marketplace “Carl” for sales of medium-sized enterprises. The business magazine ranks Pascal Stichler as well as Kuroschi D. Habibi, with whom Stichler founded and now manages the Carl Finance GmbH, among the most influential young Europeans. Carl brings together small and medium-sized enterprises, consultants, and investors in various regions and branches.

“We both grew up in a region with medium-sized businesses in Rhineland-Palatinate,” says Pascal Stichler about himself and Kuroschi D. Habibi. “At an early stage, we realized how difficult it is for many entrepreneurs to find a suitable successor.” Stichler got to know the other side when he studied business engineering at KIT: During several internships, he learned that there are many prospective buyers of medium-sized businesses.” The challenge is to give the businesses broader access and to provide prospective buyers with a better overview.” After conferral of his master’s degree in 2016, Pascal Stichler,

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together with Kurosch D. Habibi, established the transaction market-place Carl Finance GmbH that is registered in Berlin. It brings together medium-sized businesses, consultants, and investors from various regions and branches.

Carl works with a specially developed software. "All participants are verified by hand. Maximum confidentiality is guaranteed," Stichler points out. The platform addresses small and medium-sized companies of all branches, such as software, logistics, medical engineering, and plant construction. In addition to establishing contacts, Carl supports the parties throughout the sales process. By the way, the platform is named after major founders, such as Benz and Zeiss, to pick up the thread of the great tradition of these founders and entrepreneurs.

For information on Carl Finance GmbH, click:

<https://www.carlfinance.de/home-en/>

Information portal on "Company Succession:" <https://www.nachfolge.de> (in German only)

About "Forbes 30 Under 30 Europe"

The US magazine Forbes is known for its rankings of the richest and most powerful and also publishes annual lists of thirty outstanding persons under thirty years. In 2018, the lists for Europe in the different categories of "Technology," "Industry," "Finance," "Science & Healthcare," and "Media & Marketing" are published for the third time. The "Forbes 30 Under 30 Europe" lists a total of 300 persons and teams from 34 European countries. A student of KIT made it on the list in 2017 already. Information: <https://www.forbes.com/30-under-30-europe/2018>

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