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**HHL Leipzig Graduate School of Management  
Is Among the Top Universities for Auditing**

HHL Leipzig Graduate School of Management was certified to be one of "Germany's best universities for the subject of auditing 2020/21" by *manager magazin* in collaboration with the Wissenschaftliche Gesellschaft für Management und Beratung (WGMB, Scientific Society for Management and Consulting). The seal of quality is awarded by more than 50 auditing firms and about 900 of their clients. HHL ranked in the top ten of the more than 60 universities that were evaluated, thereby achieving an "excellent" rating.

The quality seal is valid for two years and is meant to serve as a guide for students. This year's edition of the *manager magazin* ranking identified the best auditors and reviewed the academic education options. In the "Firms' Favorites" category, HHL was named "excellent" following the assessment of the auditing firms.

*"This university ranking is the first to provide an empirical, well-founded quality assessment of the auditing training in Germany," says Bianka Knoblach, study leader and CEO of the WGMB.*

The auditors surveyed as part of the study named not only expertise and business competencies but also the ability to work in a structured and methodical way as well as extensive communication skills as criteria for employment. For the study, experienced executives, mainly from the fields of financial management and accounting were asked to name three universities providing the best qualification for students on their career path. The ranking was compiled from the 62 listed universities. The respondents were also free to name further universities.

Prof. Dr. Henning Zülch from the Chair of Accounting and Auditing at HHL comments,

*"With the education it offers, HHL hits the nerve of the auditing industry. In addition to extensive training in the field of general management, the school also specifically focuses on project management skills as well as*



*the latest trends in accounting and auditing — both in theory and in practical application. Beyond that, the students' social competence plays a deciding factor at HHL. This accolade shows that a small graduate school can be serious competition for the big universities through its strong innovative power and a targeted selection of topics in its range of courses.*

### **HHL Leipzig Graduate School of Management**

HHL Leipzig Graduate School of Management is one of the leading business schools in Germany and worldwide. It is a university-level private business school with the right to award doctoral and post-doctoral degrees.

HHL's Master in Management (M.Sc.) program was ranked no. 1 in Europe and no. 2 worldwide (Wall Street Journal/Times Higher Education College Rankings 2019). The goal of the oldest business school in German-speaking Europe is to educate effective, responsible and entrepreneurially-minded leaders. HHL stands out for its excellent teaching, its clear research focus, its effective knowledge transfer into practice as well as its outstanding student services. The courses of study include full and part-time Master in Management and MBA programs, a doctoral program as well as continuing education courses.

HHL Leipzig Graduate School of Management was the first private German business school to be accredited by AACSB (Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business) in 2004 and was able to renew this status for the fourth time in 2019. Only five percent of all business schools worldwide have been awarded this seal. Overall, 750 students from 65 nations are currently enrolled at HHL.

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