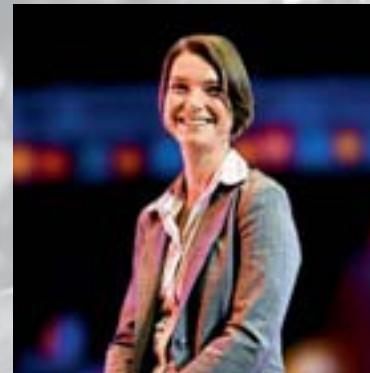


Annual Report 2007



Communication on All Levels

The TÜV Rheinland Group – Overview

Turnover by Business Stream, unconsolidated (in € millions)	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003
Industrial Services Domestic International	273.0 187.7 85.3	231.4 178.1 53.4	207.8 163.4 44.4	192.1 149.8 42.3	177.4 140.3 37.1
Mobility Domestic International	263.8 185.7 78.1	254.6 183.5 71.1	232.7 169.1 63.7	214.1 157.2 56.9	210.5 155.7 54.8
Products Domestic International	223.7 73.7 149.9	213.2 64.6 148.6	168.3 47.8 120.5	135.0 31.1 103.9	123.3 28.6 94.7
Life Care Domestic International	54.6 49.7 4.9	47.0 44.9 2.1	45.1 45.1 0.1	45.2 45.1 0.1	44.4 44.3 0.1
Education and Consulting Domestic International	114.2 106.5 7.7	100.8 94.1 6.7	90.9 84.4 6.5	99.4 92.9 6.5	105.1 99.5 5.6
Systems Domestic International	106.7 56.9 49.8	97.3 46.2 51.0	87.0 39.5 47.6	75.0 33.5 41.5	75.4 34.4 41.0
Key figures, consolidated					
Total revenues incl. inventory changes (in € millions)	984.4	902.0	796.0	728.0	700.3
Pre-tax earnings (in € millions)	59.2	51.3	41.2	30.9	14.5
Profit margin (%)	6.0	5.7	5.2	4.2	2.1
Net capital expenditure (in € millions)	81.2	66.1	55.8	39.1	29.4
Cash flow (in € millions)	71.8	64.0	50.1	45.3	45.5
Equity capital (in € millions)	139.6	121.0	100.0	62.1	48.3
Net position (incl. capital funds for reinsurance, in € millions)	233.6	252.3	254.5	224.8	206.4
Employees (annual average) In Germany Abroad	12,085 6,007 6,078	10,350 5,616 4,734	9,227 5,270 3,957	8,528 5,026 3,502	8,080 5,169 2,911

[Key figures at a glance >>](#)

“For more than 130 years, people and companies around the world have put their trust in TÜV Rheinland Group testers and certifiers. We offer our customers much more than just safety: with our new ideas, expertise and strong global network, we are at their side right from the beginning, playing an active role in improving the competitive chances and sustainable quality of their products, services, systems and human performance. In doing so, we help shape a future that does justice to the needs of people and the environment on a long-term basis. Monitoring, developing, supporting, testing and certifying: our clients recognize these services with trust and praise every day anew. Our goal: to be the first address for customers the world over.”



Bring on the music: the crowd eagerly awaits the beginning of the Cologne Jazz Night 2008. The festival at the Cologne University of Music is renowned as an international experimentation platform for young musicians.

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dear Readers,

The performance of TÜV Rheinland in 2007 represents a perfect continuation of its dynamic business success for the fifth year in succession. The numbers paint a clear picture: yet again in 2007, the company scored top marks for sales and profits. What these positive figures prove, above all, is that TÜV Rheinland knows how to address the needs of its clientele. We deliver the right answers to the most important entrepreneurial and economic questions on our customers' minds. And as an internationally networked company, we now do so at 360 locations in 62 countries.

Every one of the facilities we operate all over the world can draw on the full scope of the company's know-how at all times. We aim to think ahead and develop solutions to future problems today, so we can implement them tomorrow. As a knowledge-driven, future-oriented company dedicated to the sustainable development of safety and quality in an environment shaped by the often conflicting demands of people, technology and ecology, TÜV Rheinland is helping pave the way to the knowledge-based society of the future. With a new sales record of 984.4 million euros and the best business

result in our company's history, we have further expanded this position in global competition. For the first time, the share of turnover generated outside Germany has risen to 40 percent of the total. In 2007, profits before tax were up 15 percent from the previous year, to 59.2 million euros, while the operating margin rose to 6.0 percent. At the same time, TÜV Rheinland also boosted its investments in expansion in new and existing markets by 20 percent. In Germany, investments included new service stations for vehicle testing as well as the new TÜV Rheinland facilities in Munich, Hamburg and Stuttgart. By acquiring the Brazilian test institute Ductor, TÜV Rheinland do Brasil has become the second-largest testing company in the South American country. Expanding lab capacities at our headquarters in Cologne as well as in Japan, China, India and Vietnam was a further focal point of our investments in 2007.

The strong growth of TÜV Rheinland during the past year is also reflected in the size of its workforce. At the end of 2007, the Group employed 12,500 people, over half of them outside Germany.

Since July 2006, we have been a member of the United Nations Global Compact. In this Annual Report for the first time, we document our activities aimed at establishing the principles of the Global Compact and reaffirm our commitment to enhancing understanding of the ten basic rules in our company and beyond.

Communication is a key qualification. This applies to the internal workings of a company as well as to its interaction with customers. And it also applies to music. The Annual Report looks at the topic of communication and presents jazz students from the Cologne University of Music. Jazz draws life from a constant creative exchange. When the technique is perfect, the result is a truly memorable musical experience. We hope you find inspiration in the music included at the end of this Report.

Thank you for your interest in the 2007 Annual Report!

Prof. Dr.-Ing. habil. Bruno O. Braun
President and CEO



JAZZ DRAWS ITS LIFE FROM CONSTANT DIALOG. IN THIS ANNUAL REPORT, TALENTED YOUNG MUSICIANS FROM THE COLOGNE UNIVERSITY OF MUSIC DEMONSTRATE HOW TECHNICAL MASTERY AND CREATIVITY BECOME ONE. IN THE CONCERT HALL, CONTRASTING WORLDS DISCOVER HOW MUCH THEY SHARE. **COMMUNICATION ON ALL LEVELS.**



Precise

"My compositions call for bass players and drummers with very refined musical sensitivity because they take on equal responsibilities."

BENJAMIN SCHAEFER (PIANO)

"The music is crystal clear; it combines outstanding technique and the pure joy of playing."

RICHARD HIMMEL (GUIDED TRANSPORT SYSTEMS)



Precise technology forms
the basis for fast, safe and
smooth traffic that doesn't
stop at borders.

Clear signals throughout Europe: Richard Himmel inspects rail vehicles and technology.

Success Right Down the Line

High tech is everywhere on Europe's rails. High-speed trains have brought major cities closer together. And beneath the streets of Copenhagen, people get around on a driverless subway. All over the world, TÜV Rheinland specialists help guarantee the safe construction and operation of municipal, regional and long-distance guided transport systems.

Europe is becoming more and more close-knit. Ultra-fast trains like the ICE, TGV, Thalys and Eurostar already connect a large number of the continent's major cities. The high-speed network currently covers more than 4,700 kilometers – and it's still growing. In mid-2007, Europe's seven leading rail operators convened in Brussels to sign a future-oriented agreement. In the alliance "Railteam," Deutsche Bahn AG will cooperate with the national railways of France, Belgium, Austria, The Netherlands and Switzerland as well as the British carrier Eurostar to make travel faster, easier and more convenient. The group plans to expand the

high-speed network to 6,000 kilometers by 2010 and anticipates a threefold increase in rail links by 2020. From Vienna to the Atlantic coast of France and from Hamburg to Marseille, passengers will race along the rails at 300 km/h.

A green light for freight traffic too

At the same time, 33 cities and organizations from the initiative "Mainline for Europe" advocate the construction of a modern 1,500-kilometer east-west line between Budapest and Paris. The complete opening of European rail networks to freight carriers as of January 2007 represents a further significant step toward a harmonized pan-European rail traffic market.

Connecting Europe

However, numerous stumbling blocks along the EU's almost 230,000-kilometer rail network continue to hinder the free flow of traffic across national boundaries. These include different signal and automatic train protection systems. The TÜV Rheinland guided transport professionals are experts in the safe construction and operation of all types of rail systems throughout the world. In Europe, they are working to achieve perfect conditions for smooth rail traffic in compliance with the EC Directives on Interoperability. "Rail traffic is an international business by nature," explains guided transport systems expert Richard Himmel. "All of today's major manufacturers and suppliers serve



Public transport in Dubai: TÜV Rheinland advises on the development of the regulatory framework for rail traffic.

the international market. That's why we maintain a global presence as inspectors and consultants," he adds.

Pan-European certificates

In Europe, the EU Commission has authorized certain independent offices as Notified Bodies to issue internationally valid certificates for guided transport systems and their individual components. TÜV Rheinland operates a network of these Notified Bodies in several countries. The company is currently working on the approval process for the new Pendolino Cisalpino. Thanks to its inventive tilting technology, the Pendolino will make travel along winding alpine tracks faster and smoother. The new train will link Italy and Germany at 300 km/h via Switzerland. "Freight railcars are also a hot topic at the moment," says project manager Himmel. As fleets age, the demand for new railcars is growing. "That's why we've increased our support of manufacturers and component suppliers, which are mainly concentrated in Eastern Europe and the Far East."

A fully automated subway

Traditional rail traffic is not the only sector that calls for know-how in all aspects of rails and signals. TÜV Rheinland is also an internationally sought-after partner for urban transit systems. The guided transport specialists were awarded the contract of certifying the entire new subway in Copenhagen – from the coaches to the fully automated train control system. Travel beneath the streets of the Danish capital has long become routine for a daily average of 100,000 passengers, even without a driver in the cockpit. Safety was key throughout the project. For example, the distance between doors and emergency exits measures no more than 300 meters and all tunnels have walkways for use in the event of an evacuation. Stewards oversee departures, provide information and answer passengers' questions.

Streetcar début in Paris

After more than 60 years, the Paris streetcar network is celebrating a comeback. More than 300 million euros have been earmarked for the ambitious project. Spacious low-floor coaches are



Copenhagen:
safe travel, no driver
needed – thanks to
thorough checks by
the specialists from
Cologne.

already carrying passengers between the Garigliano Bridge in the southwest and Porte d'Ivry in the southeast, the first segment of the new "Tramway." The rail experts from TÜV Rheinland assumed responsibility for the extensive safety checks. "We're the only non-French testing organization accredited by the EOQA (Expert ou Organisme Qualifié Agréé) to conduct inspections in France," explains Richard Himmel.

Public transport in Dubai

The specialists are even more deeply involved in Dubai, where they are helping develop the necessary regulatory framework for the construction and operation of the city's new public transport system. "Since there were no railway laws up to now, the authorities commissioned us to develop a set of rail transport regulations," explains Himmel. The team began by examining regulations and standards in Hong Kong, Singapore, Berlin, Copenhagen and London. They then selected the best solutions as the basis for drafting the Emirates' future railway law.

MAJOR PROJECT IN BRAZIL

With the acquisition of the Brazilian project monitoring company Ductor (São Paulo) in August 2007, TÜV Rheinland further strengthened its market position in South America. Ductor's approximately 700 employees plan and monitor a range of different projects, including railway construction. This is especially interesting in light of the boom Brazil's rail sector is currently experiencing. Plans foresee the laying of 30,000 kilometers of new rail by the year 2010 at an investment volume of approximately 4.9 billion euros.

The world's third-largest raw materials supplier, the mining giant Companhia Vale do Rio Doce, committed around 330 million euros last year to the expansion of the iron-ore transport line Estrada de Ferro Carajás – totaling almost 900 kilometers of track. The TÜV Rheinland Group company Ductor is involved in monitoring construction throughout the project. In addition, Ductor has also been awarded a contract to head the planning of an approximately 650 kilometer new artery in the north of the country.



"We started playing music together back in Colombia. Now we're introducing more and more European harmonies into our compositions."

JUAN RESTREPO (GUITAR)

Connected

"I love the way Latin Sampling brings together funk, Latin and modern jazz. You just can't resist the dynamic sound."

JOCHEN HÜTHER (ENVIRONMENTAL TECHNOLOGIES)





High-performance biogas plants help ensure that climate protection and good business go hand in hand. A combination with a future.

Jochen Hüther works to prevent accidents at biogas plants.

A Good Climate for Change

Whether inspecting wind turbines, biogas plants or photovoltaic modules, the TÜV Rheinland experts ensure that every project meets the highest demands in terms of safety and quality – and profitability.

Sustainable energy and climate protection were at the top of the political agenda in 2007. In December of that year, the German government unveiled its ambitious energy and climate protection program, which states that the proportion of renewable energy sources used to generate electricity is to be increased from the current level of approximately 12 percent to between 25 and 30 percent by the year 2020. At the same time, renewable resources are to cover 14 percent of heating needs. TÜV Rheinland actively supports the energy industry in achieving these goals. With its know-how, the company makes a key contribution to the safety and efficiency of the new technologies.

"From approval procedures and commissioning tests to regular technical inspections, we accompany the entire lifecycle of renewable energy facilities such as biogas plants," says environmental technology expert Jochen Hüther.

Biogas facilities produce methane from organic materials like cow dung or plants. The gas is then fed to a connected combined heat and power plant, which uses it to generate electricity. In recent years, many farmers have found a second source of income in biogas. It allows them to turn crop waste or livestock slurry into a profit. Jochen Hüther and his colleagues have already inspected more than 80 of the small, environmentally compatible power plants. Their strict safety checks

focus on protection from fires and explosions. "Preventing major accidents is our most important task," says Hüther.

Cooking and heating with biogas

Even the very latest technological trends profit from the know-how of TÜV Rheinland. For example, Jochen Hüther inspects facilities that produce CO₂-reduced, compressed biogas, which can be fed into the natural gas grid. The German energy industry has made a commitment to fulfill 20 percent of the country's natural gas needs with biogas by the year 2020. This represents a significant contribution to the drive to meet Berlin's stated objective of increasing the proportion of renewables in the heating energy mix.



Energy from agricultural waste: biomass is chopped up for the biogas plant.

Global growth in solar power

The photovoltaic industry continues to enjoy dynamic growth and the business consultancy Roland Berger forecasts global expansion at an annual rate of 20 percent in the sector for the coming years. As one of the few internationally accredited testing institutes, TÜV Rheinland inspects solar modules for durability and energy efficiency in its own special labs – including its new facility in Yokohama, Japan, which opened its doors in mid-2007. “Our existing capacities in Cologne were simply no longer enough to meet all our customers’ wishes on time,” explains Willi Vaaßen, expert in renewable energies at TÜV Rheinland. Further plans include the opening of a new, larger lab in Cologne as well as a new facility in Shanghai by the end of 2008. China is the third-largest producer of photovoltaic modules after Japan and Germany.

Wind turbines for China

New wind turbines are currently in extremely high demand in China. By 2010, the Asian giant plans to install wind power generation systems with a total output of 5,000 megawatts. By comparison, a large nuclear power plant produces a maximum of around 1,500 MW. German manufacturers hope to capture a considerable share of this enormous growth market. “TÜV Rheinland helps companies on two levels,” says power plant expert Michael Oelkers. “Firstly, we’re internationally recognized as an authority in testing wind power systems, and secondly, our position as an international company means we can facilitate market entry for manufacturers. TÜV Rheinland has been successfully doing business in China for almost 20 years.” The specialists carry out extensive checks on the turbine systems during manufacture, but their work does not stop there: monitoring continues after commissioning and components such as rotor blades are inspected on a regular basis. Organizations planning offshore installations also rely on TÜV Rheinland for complex sea bottom surveys.

GLOBALLY NETWORKED: CERTIFIED SAFETY AROUND THE WORLD

TÜV Rheinland offers its technical services on a worldwide basis. This global testing expertise is clearly reflected in the company's six flagship Global Technology Assessment Centers (GTAC), which feature fully equipped high-tech laboratories. In addition to Cologne and Nuremberg, GTAC facilities are located in Budapest, Shanghai, Yokohama and Pleasanton (near San Francisco). Together, these centers of excellence form a worldwide network. "Since the six GTACs are situated in different time zones, we can process important projects for our customers around the clock. At least one expert is available at any given time," says Ralf Wilde, Head of the Products Business Stream.

The main focus at all locations is on quality and safety, as well as product certification according to the applicable national and international standards. In addition to consumer protection, the experts focus on environmental, social and ethical aspects, which play an increasingly significant role in consumers' buying decisions, especially in Europe. In Cologne alone, more than 3,000 different products, ranging from solar modules to medic-

al devices, are inspected annually. The Nuremberg lab is known for its toy-testing specialists, but the location is also equipped with a 22 meter long anechoic chamber that is used to determine the electromagnetic compatibility of cell phones and television sets.

The Budapest center specializes in testing electrical components and lamps. The GTAC in Shanghai ensures that consumer goods as well as lab and measuring equipment comply with the quality and safety standards in their respective target markets. The TÜV Rheinland staff members in Shanghai also conduct goods tests and shipping inspections. Day-to-day work in Yokohama includes transmission testing of WiFi and Bluetooth devices, as well as tests to determine whether safety glass is sufficiently bullet proof. A further important topic in Japan is the approval of cars, construction vehicles and motorcycles. And although the focus in Pleasanton is on telecommunications, the experts in California also put toys and medical devices through the necessary tests to ensure their safety.



Refined technology: photovoltaic modules undergo testing in Yokohama, Shanghai and Cologne.



"We're breathing new life into an almost forgotten style with strong rhythms:

European Gipsy Swing."

PETER KOWAL (VIOLIN)

Active

"You can hear it all in the music of L'Hot Club de Cologne: joie de vivre and melancholy."

YUEN-FAN YAU (PRODUCT APPROVALS)



The market for medical devices is in constant motion and innovation is essential. Independent tests ensure the quality of new products.

Yuen-Fan Yau oversees international regulatory approval processes for medical devices.

A Finger on the Pulse of Time

The TÜV Rheinland experts are renowned for their comprehensive know-how in fields ranging from medical technology to occupational health. The company assists medical equipment manufacturers as well as clinics, doctor's offices and companies in various industries.

"Good health can't be bought, but it can certainly be sold," says the Swiss economist Gerhard Kocher. And the figures prove his point: in Germany alone, healthcare expenses come to around 240 billion euros annually and a second new health market that goes beyond basic medical care is gaining momentum. Here, the consumer determines demand, not the health insurer's fee schedule. And health is worth a great deal to consumers: a study by the business consultancy Roland Berger revealed that residents of Germany invest an annual average of 900 euros over and above their insurance premiums on their personal well-being. As early as

2005, this second health market generated around 60 billion euros in revenues – and the figure keeps growing.

Market growth thanks to innovative technology

The German medical device market also has fresh wind in its sales. According to the German Medical Technology Association (BVMed), the market enjoyed an 8.1 percent increase in total sales to about 16 billion euros in 2006. Roughly a third of revenues were generated by domestic companies with devices less than three years old. This progress saves lives, and it wouldn't be possible without high quality and safety standards, which is why manufacturers put their trust in the expertise of

TÜV Rheinland. The testing services provider is at their side as a highly qualified partner for inspections ranging from CE certification to the international regulatory approval of medical devices. The company thus contributes to the innovative drive of the entire sector. High-tech devices like drug-coated stents, which hold open coronary blood vessels, play an ever-increasing role in the quality of patient care. "Medical equipment must fulfill exacting legal requirements," says TÜV Rheinland specialist Dr. Wilma Hartung, who is responsible for medical devices all over the world. To ensure that its customers meet those standards, the Cologne-based service provider is involved in various domestic and European healthcare committees. For example, TÜV Rheinland is currently

contributing to the development of new requirements for respiration and anesthetic machines.

In general, medical devices can only be sold in Europe if they fulfill the essential health and safety requirements laid out in the relevant EC Directives on Medical Devices. This means they must undergo compliance testing at a scope that depends on the level of risk involved in the application of the device. All devices placed in the I_s/I_m risk class or above, from sterile disposable syringes and dialysis machines to breast implants, require an assessment by a recognized institute such as TÜV Rheinland Product Safety GmbH. "Depending on the legal requirements, we carry out a type examination, assess the device based on its design dossier or audit the quality management system according to the demands of the Directives on Medical Devices and/or EN ISO 13485," explains Dr. Hartung. Once a device has successfully passed all tests, the manufacturer is authorized to mark it with the CE symbol as well as the identification number of the Notified Body – 0197, in TÜV Rheinland's case. As an internationally accredited authority, the company is also an ideal partner for the worldwide approval of heart pacemakers or devices for the analysis of blood and tissue samples – a

service that plays a growing role. "A single audit is often enough to secure national seals of approval for a lot of countries, even for Japan or the United States," emphasizes Yuen-Fan Yau of TÜV Rheinland.

Preventing dangerous infections

TÜV Rheinland's know-how goes beyond approval processes for medical technology. Hospitals also benefit from the company's expertise. Protecting patients from becoming infected by dangerous microorganisms is extremely important in clinics. TÜV Rheinland Product Safety GmbH was the first testing organization to receive state accreditation to certify a hospital's quality management system for the maintenance of medical devices. Dr. Wilma Hartung and her team examine all relevant processes, such as making sure used endoscopes are properly sterilized. TÜV Rheinland is currently handling the certification and approval of a new touch screen-controlled system for operating rooms developed by Olympus for hospitals throughout Europe.



**Fast-paced innovation in medical technology:
independent tests safeguard quality.**

COMPANIES AT WORK FOR THE HEALTH OF THEIR STAFF

In recent years, a growing market has developed for preventative healthcare, an area in which TÜV Rheinland is equipped with considerable expertise. Today more than ever, company doctors go to great lengths to ensure the health of their customers' employees. The frequency of health-related absenteeism may have sunk to a record low in 2007 according to the German Ministry of Health, but a study by the Bertelsmann Foundation revealed that the statistic is not a reliable indicator for health: the majority of jobholders came to work while ill on at least one occasion last year – in many cases on several occasions. This is a burden to the companies. Because, as Jörg Brinkmann, Executive Director of Occupational Safety and Health, TÜV Rheinland, puts it, "Only healthy employees are truly motivated and capable." This is why Germany's third-largest industrial health and safety service provider places employee well-being at the heart of its activities: "Our company health management concepts aim to support staff

members' health and well-being and thus their motivation to perform on a sustainable basis," the specialist explains. Factors related to the immediate working environment are taken into account along with the employees' own responsibilities, like good nutrition and sufficient exercise. The experts always tailor the program to the needs of the individual company. A health report documenting the company's current health situation serves as the cornerstone for the targeted measures, which are developed to boost staff well-being and improve the work atmosphere. Jörg Brinkmann and his team also offer innovative motivation instruments to help maintain health, as well as staff seminars on nutrition, exercise and stress management. Their range of extra services even includes executive training on health management and dealing with psychological and social stress at the workplace.



Company doctors at work:
focusing on preventative medicine.



Diverse

"We want to move boundaries.
Be it electronic sounds, Greek folk
songs, funk, jazz or pop – we give it all
our own touch."

FRANK KAMPSCHROER (DOUBLE BASE)

"Global Tourists –
a fun band to listen to with
a southern sound."
OLAF SEICHE (QUALITY MANAGEMENT)



Global quality standards specifically adapted to each sector help customers establish themselves in their respective markets.

Olaf Seiche arrives as a guest when assessing a hotel's services. He then turns his eye to its inner workings.

Certified Recreation

TÜV Rheinland sets new standards in both the tourism and finance sectors. The Group's range of testing services creates greater transparency for consumers. At the same time, the industry experts offer insights that enable companies ranging from hotel and cruise ship operators to banks and insurers to boost their quality.

A great outlook: 2007 was yet another record year for international tourism. According to the UN World Tourism Organization (UNWTO), approximately 880 million international trips were undertaken, representing a 4.5 percent rise over the previous year. Experts estimate that this already high figure for global travel will double by the year 2020, resulting in a fourfold increase in revenues – to two trillion US dollars. In this lucrative growth market, TÜV Rheinland has earned an excellent reputation for its comprehensive industry knowledge and expertise in quality assessment. The company has built up its strong domestic and

international standing over the past years with a long list of multifaceted projects – from Bad Birnbach to Bali.

Traveling with a clear conscience

In his capacity as tourism industry expert, Olaf Seiche's assignments in 2007 included certifying the quality and environmental management of seven Turkish Magic Life club resorts owned by TUI. The globally recognized certification indicates strict adherence to applicable standards in areas such as environmental protection. For example, the clubs use energy-saving lamps, plant trees with their guests on a regular basis and fence off the beach for certain periods to allow a rare variety of turtles to lay their eggs undisturbed.

In Greece, an entire team of German and Greek colleagues developed a classification system for vacation accommodations at the country's popular tourist destinations. The Greek hotel association expects up to 8,000 hotels to adopt the new rating system, which is based on the international star standard. The Cologne-based tourism specialists also evaluate floating hotels. Premicon AG has become the first cruise ship operator on the river Danube to have a vessel tested according to TÜV Rheinland standards. As a result, the ship MS Johann Strauß is now officially recognized for its outstanding on-board service and safety.



A healthy atmosphere: service is just as important as interior design.

A license to relax

Health and well-being remain major trends in the tourism sector. A current industry analysis by a Hamburg-based leisure research institute revealed that 69 percent of Germany's residents go on vacation to relax. However, the range of offers has become almost impossible to sort out. Another problem: the word "wellness" is not protected. Many hotels use the appealing term in their advertising without actually offering the services it promises. Good to know that vacationers seeking a relaxing break have an objective authority they can rely on to give them a clear picture. "In cooperation with the hotel group Wellness Hotels Deutschland, we've developed a set of new standards that enable consumers to compare the quality of wellness resorts," says tourism expert Olaf Seiche. The TÜV Rheinland specialists test according to more than 300 criteria – from hotel furnishings to massage services – before awarding the seal "Certified Wellness Hotel, Resort & Spa." "The professional qualifications of the staff are also important," Seiche emphasizes. In order to

gain an impression of how attentive the employees are, the inspector begins by going "undercover" as a customer. Seiche used this "mystery check" method to gain a firsthand impression of the wellness area of Aldiana Club, operated by the travel service company Thomas Cook in the Tunisian city of Djerba. For a full day, the expert tested the services for the hotel management to determine whether the wellness program delivers what it promises. On the second day, he "outed" himself as a TÜV Rheinland staff member, and looked behind the scenes of the resort. Thanks to the thorough work of Olaf Seiche and his team, wellness hotel managers can find out precisely where they can optimize their performance. The services of TÜV Rheinland therefore benefit resort operators on two levels at once: potential for improvement is revealed and hotels can position themselves clearly in the marketplace as premium resorts.

Medical checkups while on vacation

Spas can set themselves apart from pure wellness resorts by offering feel-good vacations combined with medical consulting or treatment. Here, customers base their decisions mainly on trustworthiness and quality. Together with the German

Medical Wellness Association, TÜV Rheinland has developed the mark of approval "Certified Medical Wellness." Fourteen resorts run by the Danubius Group, Europe's largest spa hotel chain, have already been certified. They boast a high standard of medical equipment as well as qualified staff. A Medical Wellness Hotel must prove that a doctor is available to its guests. During a health vacation, customers can combine relaxation with medical checkups and adjust their recreational programs precisely to match their personal physical fitness and performance levels.

The bank customer is king

Security and reliability are also key customer communications topics in the financial services sector, especially considering the blow dealt to consumers' confidence in 2007 by the US credit crisis. "With quality documented by us, financial service providers can signalize their reliability to customers and investors during turbulent times," emphasizes Wolfgang Rempe, finance expert with TÜV Rheinland. This objective assessment from

an external source is becoming more and more significant in the banking sector. The Berliner Sparkasse is a prime example. With its "BusinessLine," the financial institution offers 24/7 service for its 23,000 commercial customers. Qualified customer care professionals ensure swift and expert processing of customer wishes, regardless of whether they arrive via e-mail, fax or telephone. This also convinced the TÜV Rheinland specialists, who – following an intensive analysis of service and consulting qualities – awarded the bank the TUVdotCOM emblem. Yet the best customer care in the world cannot help a company whose accounts receivable management is ailing. To keep things from coming to that, its credit management should be closely examined because the payment difficulties are often due to a lack of clarity in handling outstanding accounts. For this reason, organizations wishing to prove the quality of their credit management to banks, investors and customers can undergo certification. TÜV Rheinland experts examine internal processes in detail according to the standards developed by the German Association for Credit Management (VfCM).



**Well connected:
bank customers expect
qualified service by
telephone.**



Innovative

"My goal is to help the young musicians develop an individual style with a consistent sound."

PROF. JOACHIM ULLRICH (CONDUCTOR)

"The big band has a powerful brass sound, overflowing with the sheer joy of music."

SABINE RACH (PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION)





**Engineering courses
shaped in keeping with the
times – the best recipe for
preventing shortages of
qualified staff.**

Sabine Rach is overseeing the introduction of work-study programs.

A Commitment to Education

Already one of Germany's largest providers of education, TÜV Rheinland is entering the university market with programs that combine work and studies. Respected universities and colleges of applied sciences deliver the content, while the experienced service provider takes care of the project management.

Germany's universities and colleges of applied sciences are in the middle of the biggest restructuring process in over half a century. No aspect of higher education is being left untouched. Policymakers have decided that the Bologna Process – a set of reforms aimed at harmonizing the entire European university landscape – must be realized by 2010. This will mean doing away with a number of degrees offered by German schools, including the Staatsexamen (state examination), Diplom (diploma) and Magister (master's equivalent). The new, two-tier system comprising bachelor's and master's programs will make it possible to compare differ-

ent study courses throughout the EU, which will facilitate relocation within the 27-nation bloc. At the same time, study programs will be shortened. After earning a bachelor's degree, many spend a few years gathering work experience before returning for a master's. Work-study programs are especially appealing to this group. "That's why TÜV Rheinland has already developed study options in IT as well as electrical and mechanical engineering," says Sabine Rach, professional education expert with TÜV Rheinland. The International School of IT Security (isits), for example, offers a Master of Science in Applied IT Security. TÜV Rheinland holds an interest in this school and so does the Ruhr-Universität Bochum (Ruhr University of Bochum) and the FernUniversität Hagen

(Distance-Teaching University of Hagen). The accredited second degree program has a modular structure and allows the student to organize his or her own time schedule. The isits offers a postgraduate study course for IT experts already equipped with a degree, however, the modules can also be used as individual further education elements. This benefits the many professionals with practical work experience but no university degree. The first isits students began their four- to eight-semester study programs in the winter semester of 2006, meaning that the Bochum-based school will hand out its first Master of Science degrees in mid-2008. So far, feedback from students has been excellent.

Praise for the reform

The transition to bachelor's and master's degrees is taking place relatively slowly in Germany, but graduates thus far give the reform top marks. More up to date and practice-oriented, better overall quality and a higher level of scientific teaching: a study by the Higher Education Information System (HIS) reveals bachelor's and master's graduates are more satisfied than their counterparts completing traditional study programs. The engineering sciences stand out as pioneers in the transition process. By the summer of 2007, 65 percent of study programs were already redesigned and a more than respectable 40-percent share of students were studying in the new system. But the industries look on with concern as student volumes in the natural and engineering sciences drop. In the case of engineers, the scarcity of job applicants has already led to a significant increase in starting salaries. According to a survey by the German Association for Electrical, Electronic & Information Technologies (VDE), three fourths of electrical

engineering graduates submit fewer than ten applications in order to find a job. As 2007 drew to a close, German companies were seeking candidates for around 24,000 engineering positions.

An appeal for more young talent support

Prof. Dr. Bruno O. Braun, President and CEO of TÜV Rheinland and, since May 2007, President of the Association of German Engineers (VDI), calls on politicians and companies to take action. He suggests using reintegrative measures to draw older unemployed engineers back into the job market faster, while at the same time increasing the proportion of women in engineering professions and improving education and support of young talent on a long-term basis. His unambiguous statements are also an appeal to universities and colleges of applied sciences to further improve the quality of their study programs.

Better quality thanks to tuition fees

Tuition, which is now charged by almost all German institutes of higher education, is a key component of the current reform. The fees run at around 500 euros per semester, and the funds are earmarked for steps to improve the quality of education. Tuition fees further encourage the trend toward part-time studies. While 87 percent of

students were concentrated solely on their studies in the early 90s, today only slightly over three quarters are full-time students. "I expect this trend to continue, which will further increase the relevance of work-study programs," explains Sabine Rach.

The cost of work-study programs such as the TÜV Rheinland Bachelor of Engineering degree course may be considerably higher than 500 euros per semester, but employers are often prepared to cover a share of the tuition fees or help the employee with flexible working hours. In addition, the German state supports life-long learning with significant tax breaks. Even today, tens of thousands of – generally young – men and women in Germany are willing to accept the twofold burden of studies and work to improve their future career opportunities. The TÜV Rheinland Bachelor of Engineering program begins in Cologne and Berlin in the 2008/2009 winter semester. TÜV Rheinland offers the courses in cooperation with South Westphalia College of Applied Sciences. Sabine Rach is responsible for marketing and dealing with students as well as for overall project management.

A SPECIAL DIGITAL RADIO NETWORK FOR POLICE AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

TÜV Rheinland draws on years of project management experience in a wide range of areas. Governments frequently charge the company with the steering of major research projects. In late October 2007, TÜV Rheinland was awarded a contract for another large-scale undertaking. Its main objective is to support the German government in the implementation of digital radio telecommunications for police, rescue and emergency management services and other organizations. Up to now, conventional analog radio technology has been in use, leaving potential security gaps open and causing unnecessary delays. The total investment volume for the conversion to digital radio is estimated at around five billion euros. The new network is to serve 500,000 users, making it the largest of its kind in the world. For security reasons, the system functions independently of commercial mobile telecommunications carriers. TÜV Rheinland is monitoring progress and coordinating work between the various parties involved in the project, which include the system supplier European Aeronautic Defence and Space Company (EADS) as well as the relevant interior ministry departments from the federal states.



Digital dialog:
TÜV Rheinland is coordinating the development of the radio network.



Education for professionals:
the International School of IT Security (isits) in Bochum, Germany.



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Dizzying heights:
Marc Bernard inspects
a construction crane in
Luxembourg.

Building up Staff Know-how

In 2007, efforts in staff development and internal communication ranged from the establishment of uniform leadership guidelines and a new employee information platform to the implementation of “blueeye”, a global knowledge management portal.

Thanks to high-quality human resources management, TÜV Rheinland has earned a place in the guidebook “Top Employers in Germany 2008” for the first time. The award is based on an extensive audit conducted by the geva Institute. The independent researchers evaluated working conditions, payment, career development opportunities and corporate culture as well as the employer’s image. In addition to data analysis, their findings were based on interviews with employees, managers and HR staff members. TÜV Rheinland optimized the relevant processes in 2007, for example, by setting up a new cross-divisional applicant service center. Career development at management level has benefited from a new cooperation agreement with the European School of Management and Technology (ESMT). During the first year of collaboration, top managers from TÜV Rheinland spent a week at the institute looking at strategic aspects of sales and marketing. The successful program will be continued and expanded to include an English-

language version held in Asia for international managers.

Worldwide management guidelines

With the publication of a set of leadership guidelines in early 2007, the company completed a staff development project with a global scope. TÜV Rheinland decision-makers worked together in international meetings to develop and approve the basic rules of their management activities. The manual was then issued in the corporate languages German and English, as well as in Spanish. The management guidelines are now used in all leadership training and staff development programs.

Internal communication on a worldwide scale

The online staff magazine “inmotion”, launched in 2007, plays a key role in the networking of international TÜV Rheinland Group companies. Issued in three languages, the newsletter keeps employees all over the world up to date on company news

and encourages dialog across national boundaries. Staff members get to know their company and colleagues better, and have opportunities to draw attention to their own interesting projects and successes.

Intercontinental knowledge management

As of 2007, TÜV Rheinland is equipped with an international knowledge management platform. The portal enables specialists to exchange information with colleagues all over the world and at all times. Its scope includes professional knowledge – of international standards, for example – as well as information relevant to sales. The system also offers a wide range of tools that help employees form virtual teams and share their know-how with others. The benefit: better utilization of information for better knowledge.

Untouched paradise:
TÜV Rheinland promotes environ-
mentally compatible technology.



Against child labor: new rules for
customer contracts.



A range of responsibilities: members of the UN Global
Compact also focus on anti-discrimination policies.



Committed to the UN Global Compact

In 2007, TÜV Rheinland further expanded its UN Global Compact activities in two key areas: the company-wide implementation of Global Compact policies and efforts to promote sustainability. This involved the introduction of a broad range of services in many different countries, business sectors and areas of life.

The TÜV Rheinland Group's mission and guiding principle is to achieve the sustained development of safety and quality in order to meet the challenges arising from the interaction between man, technology and the environment. The company's work as a neutral testing organization is driven by the conviction that social and industrial development can only be achieved through technological progress and the safe deployment of technical innovations, products and facilities.

After becoming part of the Global Compact in July 2006, the company joined the German Global Compact network and has since played an active role in several committees. TÜV Rheinland was elected as a member of the newly developed leadership circle that represents Global Compact members in Germany. As part of the German network, TÜV Rheinland is also working to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the UN Convention of Human Rights.

Incorporating the principles into company life

Information and discussions about the Global Compact were a central theme of the company's executive events in 2007. In March 2007, TÜV Rheinland added the Global Compact policies to its mission statement. The Executive Board then developed a Company Policy on Values and Responsibility, which was distributed to TÜV Rheinland employees around the world. The Company Policy clearly establishes a set of social, ecological and economic responsibilities that apply bindingly for the entire organization. It specifically emphasizes TÜV Rheinland's commitment to the principles and goals of the UN Global Compact. In 2007, more than 1,000 employees participated in training and further education programs aimed at raising awareness of the Global Compact values and their significance. The new antidiscrimination laws in Germany prompted a further comprehensive training program for company execu-

tives, who will receive regular updates about the applicable regulations and obligations.

The TÜV Rheinland Corporate Social Responsibility Officers, who report to the Executive Director personally, published quarterly updates on the company intranet and in the employee newsletter in 2007, and also compiled information for the management. In a further step, a set of goals based on the Global Compact guidelines will be defined for each field during required staff assessments. Success in achieving these targets will then serve as a criterion in judging employee performance, fostering a binding commitment to the Global Compact.

For neutral testing organizations like TÜV Rheinland, the fight to prevent and eliminate corruption is of vital importance. Anti-corruption measures and guidelines on dealing with conflicts of interest play a major role in the organization's policies and actions. Risk management, controlling and reporting instruments, as well as internal audits and revision processes are all integral components of the management system.

TÜV Rheinland underlined its uncompromising approach to anti-corruption issues once again in 2007 by joining the International Federation of Inspection Agencies, which stipulates clear anti-corruption policies and the appropriate supervisory measures as an entry prerequisite. The company has appointed a Chief Compliance Officer to help meet these requirements and plans to initiate a helpline as well as a global auditing system in 2008. As a rule, all testing and certification services are double-checked by a second party, and the results made transparent to accreditation authorities. Due to TÜV Rheinland's increasingly international structure, some employees work in countries with questionable human rights policies. From 2008 onwards, a new compliance program will help systematically assess the degree of risk presented by these working conditions, enabling

the company to take action if necessary.

TÜV Rheinland also implemented the Global Compact in its supplier relations by surveying distributors about human rights and other Global Compact issues. The results will determine if and under what conditions the companies will receive accreditation. Once TÜV Rheinland has succeeded in making suppliers aware of the Global Compact's policies, these will form the basis for future business undertakings.

A commitment to society

In 2007, TÜV Rheinland reorganized its sponsoring and charity programs as well as its foundation activities. In the future, the company's social commitments will be based primarily on the policies of the Global Compact and will focus on TÜV Rheinland's central theme: the interaction between man, technology and the environment. Targeted cooperation schemes will help aid organizations and other projects benefit from TÜV Rheinland's technological expertise.

The TÜV Rheinland Group demonstrates its social commitment in numerous locations around the world by fostering both neighborhood activities and local projects. One example in 2007 was the company's support of a symbolic initiative in Nuremberg. 30 Gingko trees were planted in

the German city to raise long-term public awareness of the importance of human rights. Each tree bears a memorial stone inscribed with one of the 30 Articles of the Human Rights Charter. The stone in front of TÜV Rheinland's Nuremberg facilities refers to the right to participate in cultural life and to share in scientific advancement, as well as the right to copyright protection of intellectual property.

Services for increased sustainability

TÜV Rheinland is represented on every continent and has been active for decades in regions that have a poor track record for complying with human rights policies or meeting the minimum industrial ecological and social standards. For this reason, the company complements its technical inspection program with a range of consulting, training and certification services based on the international social standard SA 8000. During systematic contract appraisals, TÜV Rheinland also identifies customers that are likely to receive a critical rating for their Global Compact compliance. It keeps these client relationships under close scrutiny and offers to cooperate with the companies to help them fully establish the necessary policies.

In addition, the company supports sustainable product manufacturing on a global scale, for example, offering supplier evaluation according to the comprehensive TÜV Rheinland STAR* rating. A growing number of international companies expect suppliers to provide proof of their ethical sourcing commitments. TÜV Rheinland's major customers in the field include leading trade-sector enterprises and well-known brand-name manufacturers all over the world. More and more producers and retail chains have their entire process and

supply chains tested based on criteria such as working conditions, social standards and the use of sustainable resources.

Fostering technologies and ecological concepts

Although the service sector is responsible for a fraction of the negative environmental impact caused by manufacturers, TÜV Rheinland sees ecological protection as an important part of its job as a technical inspection service provider. Services such as power station testing, safety checks in industrial plants, vehicle inspections as well as product safety and quality assessments all help protect people and the environment from harm. Continuous improvement is also a key aspect of TÜV Rheinland's corporate identity, and the company often acts on staff suggestions in this area. As of December 2007, for instance, employees only receive authorization to go on business trips to other locations if alternatives such as telephone and video conferences are impossible or impractical.

TÜV Rheinland also supports environmentally compatible technology with a range of projects that includes developing climate friendly engines in the automotive industry, producing more efficient power plants, as well as generating energy using photovoltaic systems, wind and biopower. The

company started inspecting photovoltaic modules and systems as early as 1995 and has since become the global market leader in the field. Around 70 percent of all solar module manufacturers have their products tested by TÜV Rheinland for quality, safety, durability and energy efficiency. The specialists from TÜV Rheinland are also developing internationally acclaimed new testing and measurement processes for the photovoltaic industry.

Worldwide Growth in Quality and Safety

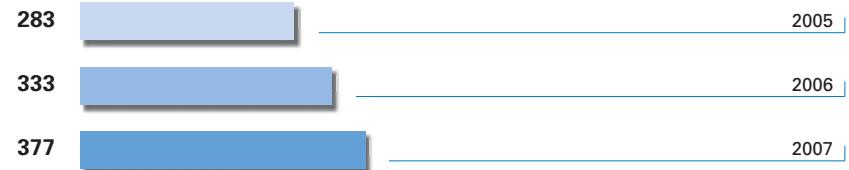


Turnover of the TÜV Rheinland Group in millions of euros, consolidated.

For the sixth consecutive year, the TÜV Rheinland Group has achieved record business results. In 2007, turnover, profits and workforce size all reached levels unprecedented in the company's history. Total sales grew by more than 9 percent to 984.4 million euros. Earnings before taxes were up 15 percent to 59.2 million euros, while return on sales rose to 6.0 percent from 5.7 percent in the 2006 business year.

A German test service provider with an internationally leading position

The TÜV Rheinland Group operates at 360 locations in 62 countries on all of the world's continents. Within Germany, its turnover for 2007 grew by 7 percent to 607 million euros. In other countries, the TÜV Rheinland Group generated 377 million euros in turnover (+ 13%). This means sales outside of Germany comprised almost 40 percent of the total for the entire corporate group. The number of employees also rose higher than ever before: the average worldwide workforce size throughout the TÜV Rheinland Group for 2007 was 12,085 staff members, half of them employed in Germany. By the end of 2007, the number of employees working outside of Germany had

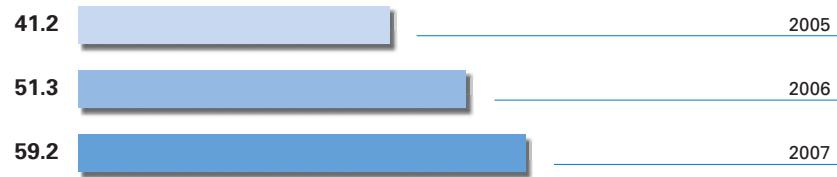


Turnover of the TÜV Rheinland Group generated abroad in millions of euros, unconsolidated.

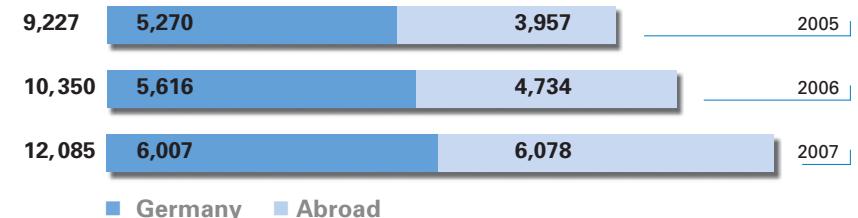
grown further, overtaking the figure for staff in the company's home market. This development underscores the Group's global commitment as an internationally leading German test service provider. At the same time, the workforce in Germany was also up by 391 people, or almost 7 percent.

Investments in growth

In addition to investments in holdings and corporate acquisitions, TÜV Rheinland focused on expanding its existing Business Fields and market presence as well as on setting up new facilities. In this context, it concentrated on investments in new laboratory capacity at its headquarters in Cologne and at operations in the Japanese city of Osaka, in Shanghai, China, and in Ho Chi Minh



TÜV Rheinland Group earnings before tax in millions of euros, consolidated.



Staff of the TÜV Rheinland Group, average for the year.

City, Vietnam. The company made improvements to its network of large-scale lab facilities – the Global Technology Assessment Centers – in Cologne, Nuremberg, Pleasanton (in the San Francisco Bay Area), Yokohama, Shanghai and Budapest, adding further product testing and environmental analysis capacities.

Success in South America

The most significant acquisition in the past year was the Brazilian company Ductor. Based in São Paulo, it maintains a workforce of 700 – most of them engineers – and delivers project planning and management services throughout South and Central America. As one of the continent's leading companies in supervision and consulting for

industry and construction, Ductor oversees infrastructural projects including rail lines, airports, housing developments, highways and hospitals. Its specialists offer consulting to steel, telecommunications and energy corporations. The acquisition makes TÜV Rheinland do Brasil, with a staff of 900, the country's second-largest testing company.

Business Streams expand their regional scope

Important activities in Germany included the opening of new facilities in Hamburg and Munich in 2007. With this move, the TÜV Rheinland Group has further expanded the regional scope of its service portfolio. One of the main reasons for establishing the new locations was the liberalization of the German inspection market in the

area of elevators, steam boilers and pressure vessels, which was in its final phase. As of 2008, TÜV Rheinland is fully authorized to deliver these testing services on a nation-wide basis, whereas this was previously possible on a regionally limited basis only.

Industrial Services, the largest Business Stream, generated 273 million euros in turnover during 2007. Alongside Germany's market deregulation, inspection of roof structures on public buildings was a focal point. Diverse cities and communities throughout Germany, for example, commissioned the experts to examine the roofs of halls, and major retail chains had the roofs of their outlets inspected. The testing of photovoltaic modules is another activity of internationally growing importance. With a share of 70 percent, TÜV Rheinland is the worldwide market leader and continues to invest in establishing new testing capacity, especially in Asia. Specialists at the solar labs determine the safety and durability of the modules.

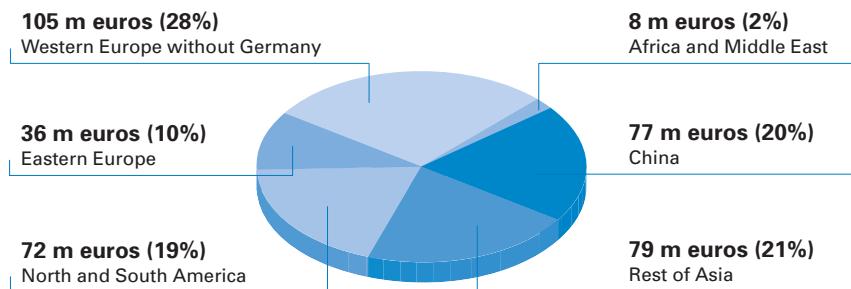
In the Mobility Business Stream, the TÜV Rheinland Group achieved a turnover of 263.8 million euros in 2007. It strengthened its core competency – vehicle inspection – by opening a number of new state-of-the-art service stations. As a new product, the Business Stream offers fleet consulting services especially designed for medium-sized enterprises. The consulting is aimed at boosting efficiency in fleet management as well as at identifying and realizing savings potential. Successes were also scored in another area of expertise within the Mobility Business Stream, Guided Transport Systems, in the context of major international projects. These included consulting for the Emirate of Dubai on drafting entirely new railway regulations.

The Products Business Stream recorded 223.7 million euros in sales over the past year, and the market for product testing continues to enjoy strong growth on a worldwide scale. The TÜV Rheinland Group ensures the safety, sustainability and quality of products. Increasingly, the experts examine not only the items, but also the entire production processes. A long list of major retailers and brand-name manufacturers take advantage of the company's services aimed at sustainability in the global supply chain as well as supplier rating and risk management throughout the value

chain. In 2007, the eye of the public was on the inspectors' work, especially in Germany, due to media coverage of defective toys.

In 2007, the Group generated a turnover of 54.6 million euros in Life Care, the Business Stream specializing in services related to health and preventative care. Demographic change is giving rise to new services and demands in all areas of society. For example, a longer working life has an immediate impact on the health and productivity of the individual. Here, companies rely on the expertise of the occupational health specialists and company doctors employed by TÜV Rheinland throughout Germany. Company health management, occupational safety and reintegration management following illness are among the services carried out for major corporations.

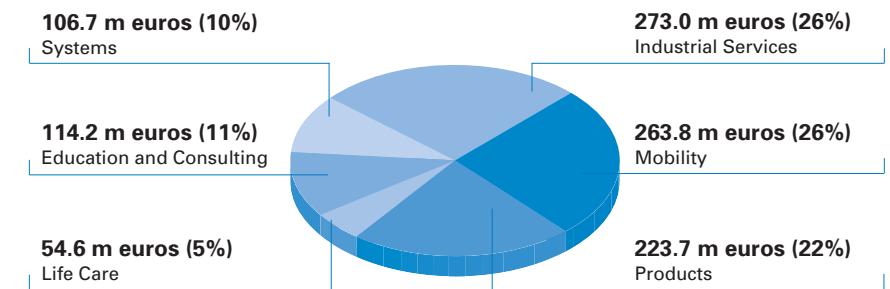
With its Academy in the Education and Consulting Business Stream, the TÜV Rheinland Group is the second-largest private educator in Germany. In total, the Business Stream achieved 114.2 million euros in sales. In addition, services outsourced by governments play an increasing role.



Turnover outside of Germany for each region in 2007, unconsolidated.

These activities include the management and monitoring of research projects for various ministries and public institutions as well as controlling for state support programs. A prime example is the work of TÜV Rheinland in the context of a major project to implement digital radio communications for police forces throughout Germany.

Ensuring quality and safety by testing services and certifying management systems is a core competency of the Systems Business Stream, which recorded a turnover of 106.7 million euros in 2007.



Turnover for each Business Stream in 2007, unconsolidated.

With globalization leading to an increasing trend toward purchasing services across national boundaries – a development that automatically raises the question of how to compare the quality of services on the global market – this Business Stream is growing on a worldwide scale. More than 1,000 auditors certify management systems according to internationally recognized standards (such as ISO or EN standards) or based on specially developed criteria.

See page 53 for a breakdown of Business Streams and Business Fields.

For an overview of the organizational structure of the TÜV Rheinland Group, see pages 54-55.

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Business Streams and Business Fields



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Industrial Services

- Pressure Equipment and Materials Technology
- Elevators, Conveyor and Machinery Technology
- Electrical Engineering and Building Technology
- Industrial Engineering Safety
- Civil Engineering
- Energy and Environmental Technologies
- Project Management and Supervision

Mobility

- Vehicle Inspection, stationary
- Vehicle Inspection, mobile
- Driver's Licenses
- Car Services and Appraisal
- Homologation
- Automotive and Aviation Technology
- Guided Transport Systems
- Telematics and Traffic Consulting, Logistics

Products

- Electrical and Electronic Services
- Mechanical and Machinery Services
- Medical Devices
- EMC and Telecommunication
- Ergonomics and Usability
- Product and Environmental Analyses
- Market Access Services
- LifeCycle Management

Life Care

- Occupational Safety and Health
- Traffic and Occupational Psychology
- Health Management, Healthcare and Wellness
- Medical Center Services
- Food Services

Education and Consulting

- Professional Education
- Private Schools
- Labor Market Services
- Personnel Management
- Business Consulting
- Publishing and Media
- R&D Management

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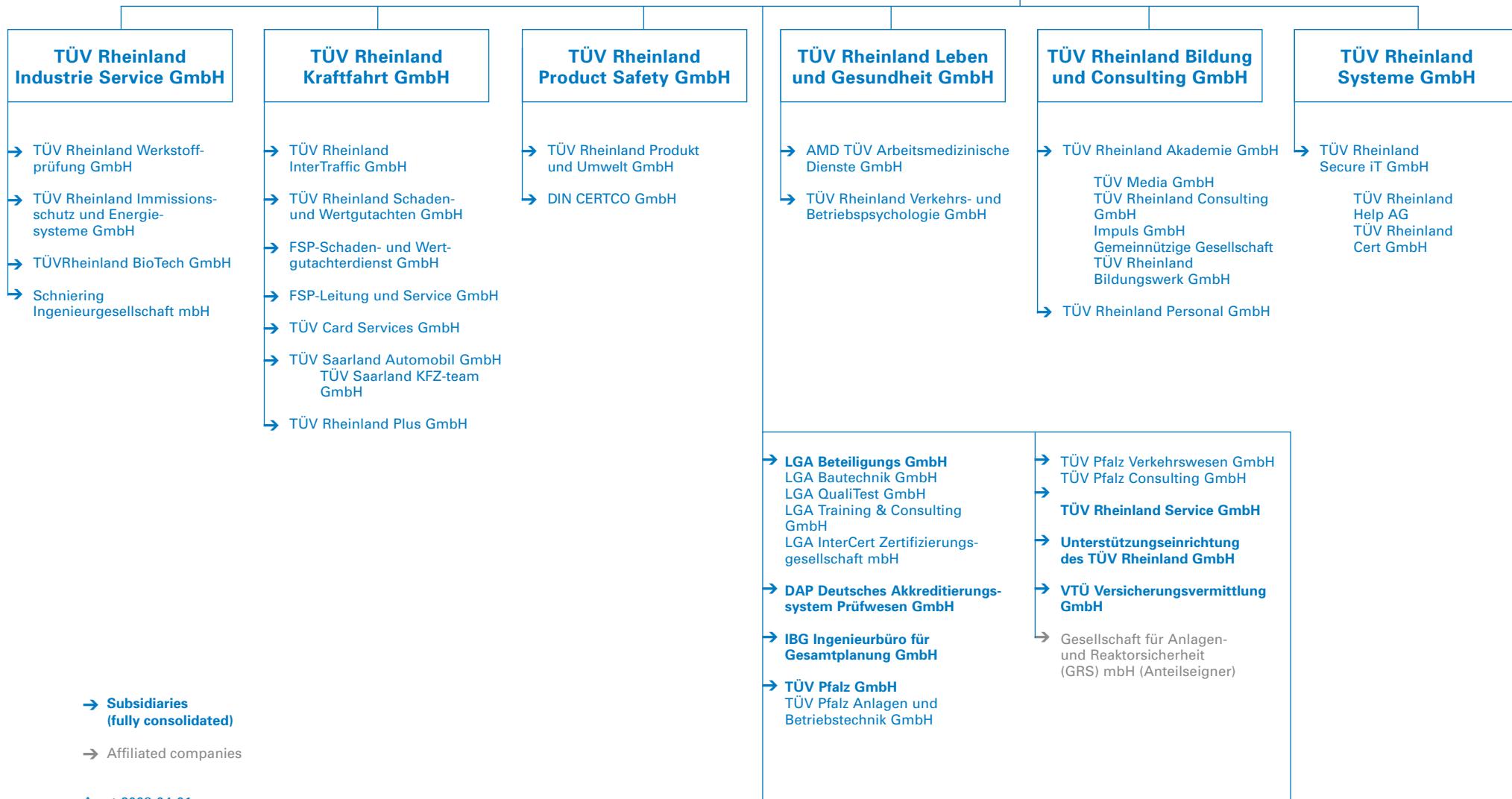
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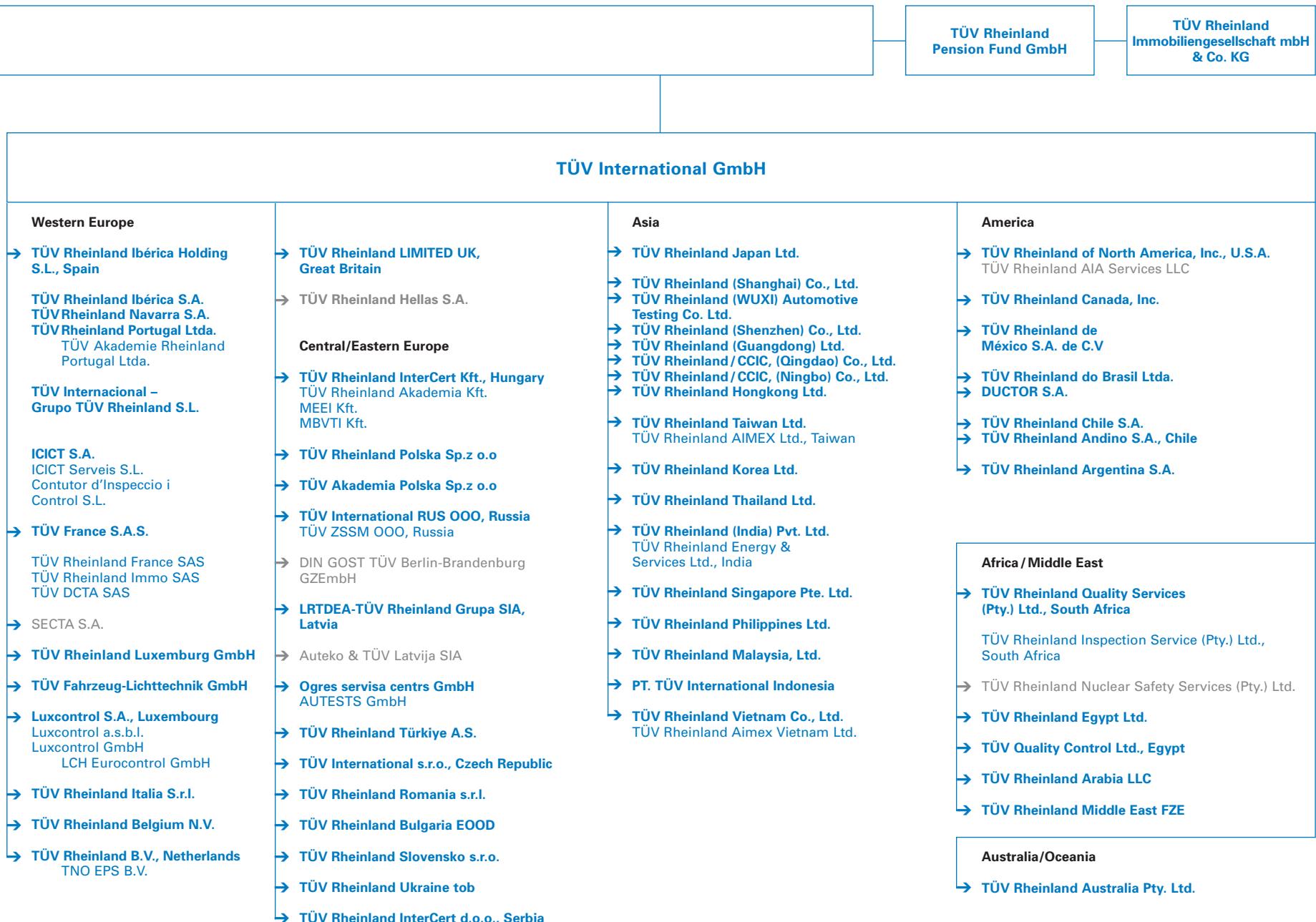
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Cologne University of Music: Jazz in All its Facets



Benjamin Schaefer Trio



Latin Sampling



L'Hot Club de Cologne



Global Tourists



Big Band

Pianist Benjamin Schaefer and his musicians concentrate on modern jazz with a distinctly European flavor. The bandleader's compositions are characterized by a strong affinity to melody – despite complex harmonies and rhythms. In his arrangements, bass and drums take on equal responsibilities for sound and texture.

www.benjaminschaefer.com

Five young Colombians met at the German school in Barranquilla – and have been united by a passion for music ever since. They won the hearts of jurors in the German competition "Jugend jazzt" (Youth Jazz) and now study in the country. The five thrill audiences with their own compositions, which bring together diverse styles ranging from Latin and jazz to pop.

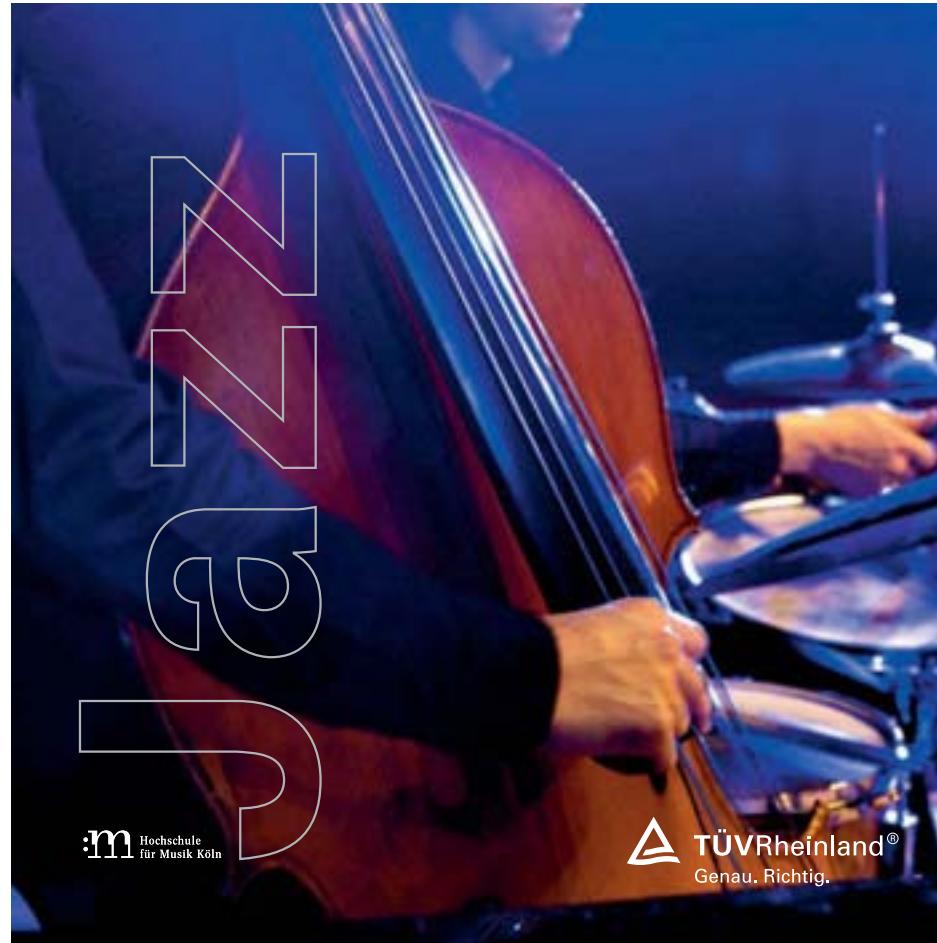
www.latinsampling.de

The still new project L'Hot Club de Cologne was launched in early 2007. Its four members rallied around a shared cause: to rediscover European Gipsy Swing, a style that has all but disappeared from the current jazz landscape. With violin, double bass and two guitars, the ensemble has captured the characteristic sound of Gipsy Swing and given it a new vitality.

Formed in autumn of 2003, the Cologne-based band performs in an unconventional constellation: three guitars, a double bass, drums and percussion, complemented by samples and electronic sounds. The group's unique and unmistakable character is further underscored by the Greek bouzouki, played by one of the guitarists. Audiences love their danceable rhythms and improvisations.

www.globaltourists.de

The Cologne University of Music Big Band, conducted by Prof. Joachim Ullrich, is known for its inventive concert programs. Regardless of whether they are playing big band classics or their own compositions, the musicians are clearly focused on creating a consistent and individual sound. Guests like Dee Dee Bridgewater and Wolfgang Niedecken are among their sources of inspiration.



A selection of listening highlights from the talented young artists at the Cologne University of Music.

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