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## Thuringia

Its central location at the heart of Germany and Europe, high-performance infrastructure, innovative companies and researchers, and a highly qualified workforce help make **Thuringia an in-demand business location** ▶.

Thanks to its favorable location and a modern, well-developed infrastructure, the state is popular with companies from across the world. A selection of **Thuringian market and technology leaders** ▶ you will find here.

An **outstanding infrastructure** ▶ is ensuring fast connections. From mid-2017, two important inter-city express (ICE) routes will cross in Thuringia's capital city Erfurt.

Thuringia also convinces with its balanced industry mix and innovative research landscape. The federal state's universities and research institutions ensure that companies always have access to the latest technologies and the next generation of highly educated young professionals. Science and industry have worked hand in hand in Thuringia for years: The innovations of Zeiss, Abbe and Schott helped make Jena the birthplace of the **modern optical industry** ▶.

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"As a Japanese company we have been received with a warm welcome in Thuringia and have been impressed by the professionalism, dedication and precision of the people we have worked with - from local administration to business partners and our workforce."

### **Tadashi Nogaku**

President & General Manager

IHI Charging Systems International GmbH

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**Culturally** ▶, Thuringia also leaves nothing to be desired: the state has achieved renown as the home of great and important writers and thinkers including Schiller, Goethe, Luther, Wieland, and Nietzsche as well as artists

including Bach, Liszt, and Gropius. Thuringia's **numerous castles and places** ▶ of extraordinary natural beauty mean that the state is always worth a visit.



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