

## Media release

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## **GF Technology Day: innovative solutions for attractive business segments**

Expansion in growth markets, higher margin businesses and innovation excellence are key elements of the Strategy 2020 for all three divisions of GF. On today's 5th Technology Day, GF presents a sample of those innovations which will support its profitable growth in attractive business segments.

**GF Piping Systems** presents a new, corrosion-free, pre-isolated system to transport the cooling media of air-conditioning networks as well as data centers. It can be installed in half the time required for conventional metal-based systems and increases energy efficiency by 30%.

**GF Automotive** is being awarded a growing number of contracts for electric vehicles, including its first major global assignment for a battery casing. GF Automotive's expertise in lightweight construction especially comes into play in the debate surrounding the range of electrically powered vehicles. Based on various exhibits and vehicles, GF Automotive illustrates how weight can be significantly reduced by re-designing components and integrating several functions.

**GF Machining Solutions** shows the potential of novel laser technologies to create or enter new markets. Applications include the generation of water-repellent surfaces for the aviation industry as well as the burr-free machining of micro-surgery components.

"Innovation is a key element to further strengthen our market position and support the development of new market segments. The Technology Day showcases illustrative examples of those innovations which allow us to fulfill our strategic goals and generate value for all stakeholders", says CEO Yves Serra.

Images of the event will be available in the <u>download section</u> on our website from 2:30 p.m. on.



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## **Corporate Profile**

GF comprises three divisions: GF Piping Systems, GF Automotive and GF Machining Solutions. Founded in 1802, the Corporation is headquartered in Switzerland and is present in 32 countries with 121 companies, 45 of them production facilities. Its approximately 14 400 employees generated sales of CHF 3.64 billion in 2015.

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GF is the preferred partner of its customers for the safe transport of liquids and gases, lightweight casting components in vehicles, and high-precision manufacturing technologies.

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