



GE Appliances Wins Smart Appliance Company of the Year in 2019 IoT Breakthrough Awards Program

IoT Breakthrough Awards Recognize Standout Internet-of-Things Companies and Products

LOS ANGELES, Ca.—January. 7, 2019—[IoT Breakthrough](#), an independent organization that recognizes the top companies, technologies and products in the global Internet-of-Things (IoT) market, today announced GE Appliances (GEA), a Haier company, as winner of the “Smart Appliance Company of the Year” award in the global 2019 IoT Breakthrough Awards program.

The mission of the IoT Breakthrough Awards program is to recognize the innovators, leaders and visionaries from around the globe in a range of IoT categories, including Connected Home and Home Automation, Industrial and Enterprise IoT, Smart City technology, Connected Car and many more. This year’s program attracted more than 3,500 nominations from companies all over the world.

“While GE Appliances is a well-established leader in the appliance industry, the company continues to drive innovation in the smart home and connected appliance market, delivering an impressive ‘Breakthrough’ year with a significant number of new smart appliance capabilities, features and products,” said James Johnson, managing director at IoT Breakthrough. “We are thrilled to recognize GE Appliances as our Smart Appliance Company of the Year.”

One of the many notable developments from GE Appliances includes the first-of-its-kind, over-the-range interactive smart home and kitchen ventilation system, the GE Appliances Kitchen Hub, providing consumers a centralized platform to help them connect, be social, create meals and manage their smart devices. Additionally, the company is leading the way in app and voice control integrations to make appliances more accessible for visually and hearing-impaired individuals.

“We proudly offer the industry’s largest suite of smart appliances, all of which deliver convenience, peace of mind and optimal performance to people and families,” said Shawn Stover, vice president of SmartHome Solutions for GE Appliances. “Kicking off 2019 with this IoT Breakthrough Award is a fantastic start to the year, and we are proud to receive this industry recognition. The award is validation that GE Appliances brings to life real, meaningful IoT products that save time and create opportunities for consumers to focus on the things that mean the most to them.”

GE Appliances was the first manufacturer to offer a full suite of connected products for the home. With more than 300 connected models, the company offers the largest portfolio of smart appliances. Through its purposeful technology and collaborations with other leading brands, GE Appliances integrates WiFi, voice command, app connectivity and more into the products people and families depend on every day. All of GE Appliances’ connected products are built on the U+ Connect platform, a dynamic, open platform that enables its appliances to evolve with technology.



About IoT Breakthrough

IoT Breakthrough, part of the [Tech Breakthrough Awards](#) organization, is devoted to honoring excellence in Internet-of-Things technologies, services, companies and products. The IoT Breakthrough Awards program provides a forum for public recognition around the achievements of IoT companies and products in categories including Connected Home and Home Automation, Connected Car, Industrial IoT (IIoT) and Smart City, Consumer IoT and more. For more information visit IoTBreakthrough.com.

About GE Appliances

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