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Innovative voice control: With RIKA VOICE, stoves now obey verbal commands

- First voice control system for pellet and combi stoves
- Smart and convenient with Amazon Echo and the Alexa Voice Service
- New standards in the development of digital stove technologies

Micheldorf / Frankfurt, 11 March 2019. At the ISH 2019, the international specialist trade fair for sanitation and heating, RIKA Innovative Ofentechnik GmbH is currently introducing the world's first voice control system for RIKA stoves and thus setting new standards in the development of digital stove technology.

At RIKA's stand B25 in Hall 9.2, interested visitors to the ISH can experience the smart home innovation RIKA VOICE live. RIKA stoves are thus not only sustainable and efficient, but controlling them is now smart and convenient with Amazon Echo and the Alexa Voice Service.

"'Alexa, set my stove to 22 degrees' - this simple voice command will in future be used to control our RIKA pellet and combi stoves," says Karl Riener, CEO of RIKA Innovative Ofentechnik GmbH. "Switching on and off, changing operating modes, adjusting room temperature and heat output and checking the current operating status are all possible using voice input," continues the CEO of the family company. Furthermore, existing stoves can also be expanded with RIKA VOICE.

The RIKA voice control system requires a RIKA FIRENET module to be fitted. RIKA pellet and combi stoves with touchscreens can be connected to the wireless home network using the RIKA FIRENET module. The RIKA stoves can then be operated at any time and from any location using any PC or mobile device with internet access. The RIKA FIRENET user accounts operate independent of any operating system or an app and use secure SSL data transfer.



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"We want to take stoves a step further and implement new ideas. Today a RIKA stove is a design element, voice-controlled, ignites at the touch of a button, combines pellets and wood logs, can heat multiple rooms simultaneously and serves as an oven for baking," explains Karl Riener, summarising the features of his company's products.

VOICE CONTROL







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About RIKA:

RIKA Innovative Ofentechnik GmbH is one of the leading suppliers of high-quality wood-burning stoves and is the market leader for pellet stoves in the German-speaking countries. RIKA was founded in 1951 in Micheldorf in Upper Austria and is run as a second-generation family business by Karl Riener. The passion for stoves is really about creating quality of life. The claim to continuously set new benchmarks in terms of quality, innovation and design, leads to the continuous further development of stoves in terms of their form and function, resulting in a wide product portfolio of wood-burning, pellet and combi stoves and design fireplaces. With many years of experience in stove manufacturing and product innovations such as the first pellet stove in Europe, RIKA is regarded as a pioneer of the industry. With the "Green Innovation" seal, RIKA has made an undertaking in the interests of sustainability to voluntarily comply with all requirements and be certified under the strictest international regulations. RIKA has received many awards, including the most significant environmental award on the global stage: the Energy Globe Award. The number of employees has risen to 300 over the years and it has an international network of dealers.

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