

Nordic Cleantech Superstars Selected – The 25 most promising Nordic Cleantech Innovations as voted by international industrials, investors and experts

We are very proud to present the top 25 Cleantech Start-ups from the Nordic Cleantech Open competition.

An impressive bigger than ever jury consisting of more than 60 influential representatives from multinational companies and venture capital has been involved in selecting this year's contestants.

Among those are representatives from business development and venture arms of leading energy companies such as E.On and Fortum, , chemical companies such as BASF and 3M, building sector companies such as Skanska and Tyrens, pulp and paper companies such as Metso and Stora Enso, and other large industries with worldwide operations such as Veolia Environnement, Maersk, Grundfos and Siemens.

Among the venture capital funds represented in the jury are not only actors based in the Nordic countries but also from China, USA, UK, Germany, Belgium, France, Spain and Switzerland.

The Nordic Cleantech open competition runs for its second consecutive year and both the number of applicants and the quality of applying companies have improved. This year 97 companies applied and the quality of applications was so high that a top 50 list might have been more suitable.

“The amount of innovation and business opportunity that lies in these 25 start-ups is nothing short of stunning. They say some of the world’s most successful companies were built during recessions. I believe they will say the same about many of these in a couple of years”, says Alexander Bigge Lidgren, managing director of the Nordic Cleantech Open.

“We like the quality and the diversified mix this year. A lot of them target big industrial customers with “must have solutions”, which is exactly what’s needed to succeed”, comments Jörg Sperling, Partner at WHEB Ventures, Munich.

The top 25 truly is a selection of cutting edge environmental technology companies. It is also a quick look on what is new, what is coming and what one can expect to see more of in the future. An interesting trait among a clear majority of the top selected companies is that their solutions typically remove a pain for an existing industry instead of challenging an entire industry.



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An intensive program lies ahead for the finalists. It kicks off with a Nordic Camp at the castle of Trolleholm, Sweden in February, continues with a showcase in Pamplona, Spain in March and culminates in the Final at the Cleantech Venture Day in Lahti, Finland in April, where participants from all over the world select the winner. Last years event attracted over 250 participants including 50+ investors, 80 cleantech companies and dozens of corporations and influence makers.

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About Nordic Cleantech Open

The Nordic Cleantech Open is a business competition aiming to identify, upgrade and display the top 25 early stage clean tech companies in the Nordic region each year.

Web site

For more information about the competition and the companies visit
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