

Press Release

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X-RIS wins Deloitte Technology Fast 50

Domobios voted Rising Star 2015

Brussels, 19 November, 2015 – The Ans-based company X-RIS has emerged as the winner of Deloitte’s 2015 Technology Fast 50, which ranks the fifty fastest-growing technology companies in Belgium. Over the past four years, X-RIS has achieved an impressive 701 per cent growth in turnover. The Rising Star award was won by Domobios. Deloitte’s 2015 Technology Fast 50 competition has been organised in partnership with ING, Euronext, Fortino and De Standaard.

The Deloitte Rising Star Event and Technology Fast 50 Awards Ceremony were held tonight. The rankings were presented to the fifty nominated technology firms during a gala dinner in Brussels. X-RIS emerged as the winner and fastest-growing technology company in Belgium, recording a 701 per cent increase in turnover. X-RIS specialises in original and innovative products in the area of digital radiography for NDT and Security.

Nicolas Poelst, Co-founder and Sales Manager of X-RIS: *“Thanks to the entire X-RIS team, we have developed X-ray systems to x-ray the space shuttle, aircraft and ships. We are helping improve security for people. The Fast 50 award has drawn our attention to the importance of growth, because it is growth that enables us to innovate and to become leader on the market.”*

Top three

iText Group, a company that ranked first in the Fast 50 2014 and produces a product that is a technical component used by many other IT companies to enhance their products and projects with PDF functionality, and Cmosis, a company that ranked second in the Fast 50 2014 and is a supplier of advanced off-the-shelf, customised and full custom CMOS image sensors, were placed second and third, with respective growth percentages of 653 per cent and 615 per cent.

Nikolaas Tahon, Managing Partner Accountancy: *“It’s both exciting and encouraging to watch the number of applications for Deloitte’s Technology Fast 50 rise each year. Young innovative companies in Belgium continue*



to report high growth figures and prove that the entrepreneurial spirit is alive and well in the technology sector.”

The Most Sustainable Growth award was awarded to GeoSea, DEME’s specialist in complex offshore marine engineering projects.

Industry sector winners

The fastest-growing companies in four select sectors were also recognised during Deloitte’s Technology Fast 50 Awards Ceremony.

X-RIS, the winner of the Fast 50 Award, was also named winner in the IT & Digital Solutions sector category. For the second year running, Basalte picked up the award for the Clean Tech & Energy sector, KitoZyme proved to be the fastest-growing in the Biotech, Nanotech & Medtech sector, and Destiny took home the award for the Internet, Media & Telecom sector. Basalte, a company that creates unique user experiences for the Smart Home, achieved 201 per cent growth, while KitoZyme, a manufacturer of biopolymers and a full-service provider of medical device products, took home the award with 354 per cent growth in turnover. B2B telecom provider Destiny recorded 288 per cent turnover growth.

Vincent Fosty, partner at Deloitte and TMT Industry Leader, said, *“We are delighted to see new companies enter the Fast 50 ranking and to see that some of last year’s winners continue to record significant growth in turnover. Considering that the economic conditions remain challenging, this is a very encouraging sign for entrepreneurship in Belgium.”*

Domobios is the Rising Star

Ten companies in business for less than five years were nominated for the title of “Rising Star 2015”. An independent jury, chaired by Duco Sickinghe CEO Fortino, judged each company’s elevator pitch for features such as innovative strength and turnover potential. The overall winner was Domobios, a company specialised in eliminating house dust mites.

Pierre Buffet, Co-founder and Director of Domobios stated: *“The Rising Star award is a great recognition for the entire team and for our first Acar’Up product which is changing the lives of people who are allergic to dust mites. It is going to help us take up future challenges, such as globalization and go-to-market of new products.”*

As the winner of the Rising Star award, Domobios will be invited to join the Deloitte Innovation Centre Booster Programme. As part of the Booster Programme, Domobios will be assigned a mentor and guided through a range of topics vital for their business (accounting, sales, funding, etc.).

OncoDNA was named Most Disruptive Innovator.

Global recognition

The Belgian winners (Fast 50 and Rising Star) automatically enter the Deloitte Technology Fast 500 EMEA competition. With 21 participating countries, this competition ranks the 500 fastest-growing technology companies in Europe, the Middle East and Africa. The Fast 500 ranking will be announced in London on 2 December, 2015.



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