

## Press Release

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### **Deloitte announces nominees for 2014 Technology Fast50 competition**

First Deloitte Fast50 competition aimed solely at Belgian technology companies

**Brussels, 23 September, 2014 – Deloitte Belgium today announced the names of the fifty technology companies that have been nominated for the first fully Belgian edition of the Deloitte Technology Fast50 competition. The Technology Fast50 award will be given to the country’s fastest-growing technology company, based on its percentage of growth in turnover during the last five years, at the award ceremony which will be held on 22 October, 2014 in Brussels. The 2014 Deloitte Technology Fast50 competition is being organised in partnership with ING, Euronext and Fortino.**

Public or private companies headquartered in Belgium who develop a technology-related product or service and who have experienced substantial revenue growth over the last five years, were invited to register for the competition between 15 May and 31 August for their chance to be nominated as one of the country’s 50 fastest-growing technology companies. To view the complete list of nominees, [click here](#).

*“The Deloitte Technology Fast50 competition enables companies - and the winner in particular - to strengthen their credibility toward customers, prospects and suppliers, as well as investors, business partners, employees and peers,”* explains Vincent Fosty, Partner and TMT Industry Leader. *“The Fast50 competition also provides a unique opportunity to build relationships amongst each other, as well as with venture capitalists and larger international companies, which can lead to international opportunities, and to enhance the company’s employer brand, helping to attract and retain talent.”*

Given their significant roles as drivers of future growth, up-and-coming technology companies deserve special recognition and support - and this is exactly what the Deloitte Fast50 competition is designed to do.

#### **Number of award categories expanded**

For this edition of the Fast50 competition, the number of award categories was expanded from the overall Fast50 and Rising Star categories, to include awards for the Most Sustainable Growth (selected from among the 2014 Fast50 contestants and Fast50 Alumni), Most Disruptive Innovator (selected from among the Rising Star contestants) and one winner from each of the following categories:

1. IT & Digital Solutions
2. Green Tech & Energy
3. Biotech & Medical Technology
4. Internet, Media & Telecom



### **Rising Star and Disruptive Innovator nominees**

The Rising Star category puts the spotlight on companies that have been active in the technology sector for less than five years. The winner is selected based on the short pitch-presentation made by each company to an independent jury just prior to the Fast50 award ceremony. This year, the jury is presided by Duco Sickinghe, CEO Fortino and Former CEO Telenet, and includes distinguished members [from the business community](#):

### **Jury Deloitte Rising Star 2014**

Duco Sickinghe	CEO Fortino
Anne-Pascale Bijmens	Executive Director Techtransfer
Jacques Vandermeiren	CEO Elia
Luc Demey	Former CEO Cmosis
Jurgen Ingels	CEO Clear2Pay
Rik Vandenberghe	CEO ING Belgium
Christian Reinaudo	CEO Agfa-Gevaert
Amid Faljaoui	Director French Media Roularta Media Group

The winner of the award for Most Disruptive Innovator is selected from among the Rising Star nominees and awarded to the company that creates a revolution within a specific technology segment.

The Rising Star category nominees will be communicated to the press on 26 September, 2014.

### **Global recognition**

The Belgian winners (Fast50 and Rising Star) automatically enter the Deloitte Technology Fast500 EMEA competition. With 25 participating countries, this competition ranks the 500 fastest-growing technology companies in Europe, the Middle East and Africa.

Nikolaas Tahon, Managing Partner Accountancy: *“We are excited about this first stand-alone Fast50 competition for technology companies headquartered in Belgium. Deloitte has a long-standing history of promoting innovation both within our firm and externally and we are pleased to highlight the achievements of all of the Belgian nominees. Once more, the huge and qualitative participation demonstrates the power of these technology companies in the Belgian economy.”*

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