

# How to be crowned a global technology king?

## Companies at the cutting edge and transforming the way we do business

Achieving a place in the *Deloitte's Technology Fast 50* allows innovative and successful companies to stand out from the crowd here in Belgium. It also offers entry into the global Fast 500 programme through *Fast 500 EMEA*, a showcase of the 500 fastest growing companies in Europe, the Middle East and Africa and now in its fifteenth year. Nominees in local Fast 50 programmes are automatically eligible for the Fast 500.

The Fast 500 EMEA includes over 20 European countries including Belgium, the Netherlands, Finland, Italy, UK, France, Germany and Turkey. In 2014 it was topped by the French **WEEZEVENT**, a company offering what is considered the premium online ticketing solution for event organisers. In just five years, WEEZEVENT registered revenue growth of an astounding 43,101 percent.

This year, the software sector makes up 42 percent of the overall rankings in the EMEA Fast 500, with the internet sector at 21 percent.

One of the Fast 500 success stories is the mind blowing growth of 84,171 percent achieved by the Belgian-America **Acquia** from 2008 to 2012.

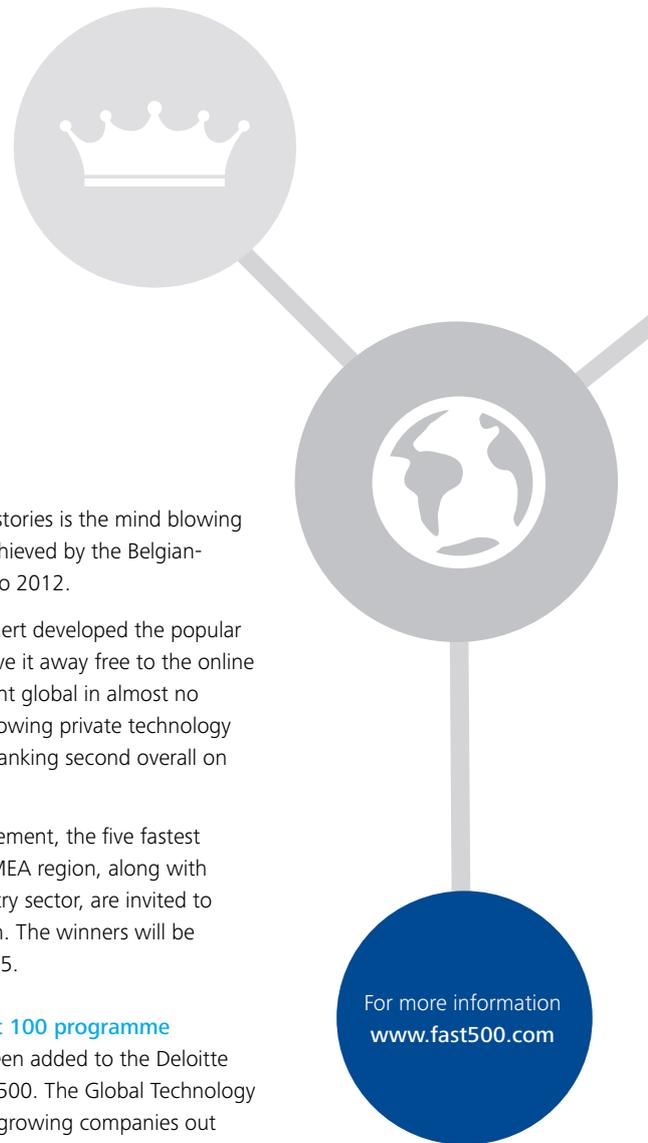
Founder and CEO Dries Buytaert developed the popular Drupal software and then gave it away free to the online community. His company went global in almost no time, making it the fastest growing private technology company in North America, ranking second overall on the US Fast 500 for 2013.

In recognition of their achievement, the five fastest growing companies in the EMEA region, along with the six winners in each industry sector, are invited to an exclusive dinner in London. The winners will be announced in November 2015.

## The Global Technology Fast 100 programme

A new global initiative has been added to the Deloitte Technology Fast 50 and Fast 500. The Global Technology Fast 100 lifts the 100 fastest growing companies out of the three regional Fast 500 programmes, giving these top performers a level of exposure that breaks all boundaries.

The Global Technology Fast 100 uses the same criteria as the Fast 50 and Fast 500 and the winners will be announced shortly after the release of the EMEA Fast 500 ranking.



For more information  
[www.fast500.com](http://www.fast500.com)



## Innovation at Deloitte

### *Making a bigger impact with innovation*

Deloitte believes that innovation should be a tool, not an aim. Company management needs to have its objectives in mind and look to see whether innovation can help them achieve them. Innovation should result in the company becoming more competitive and dynamic, and ultimately create more growth.

Adopting an open approach to innovation is key. Open innovation does not mean the end of intellectual property such as brands, patents and copyrights. A company must look at where protecting intellectual property makes a difference, but also recognise that by working together far more can be achieved. Collaboration brings innovation.

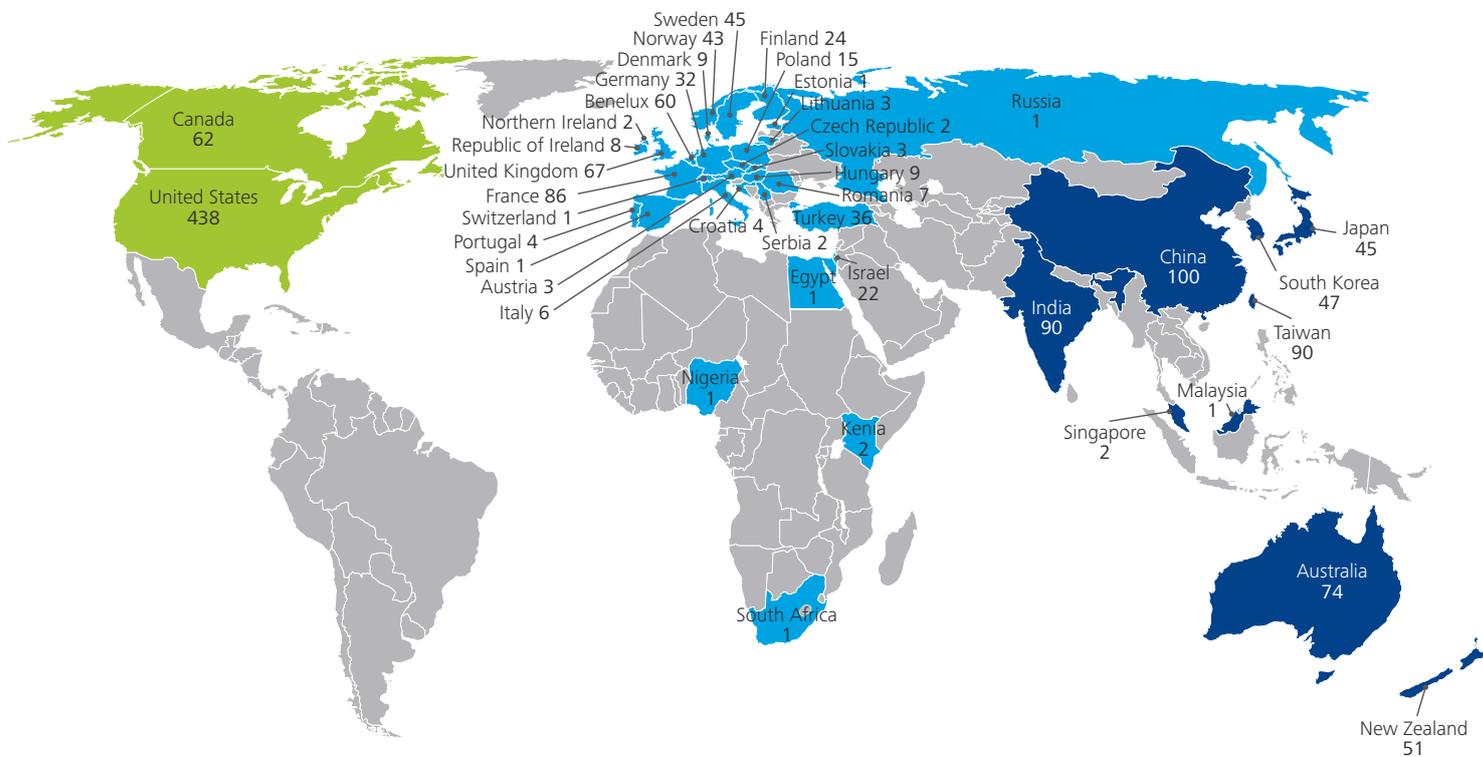
It is becoming increasingly difficult to differentiate and grow businesses successfully in these challenging times. Innovation can be the key to your business's success.



**STEP 1**  
 Member firm local Technology Fast 50 programme winners feed into regional **Technology Fast 500** programmes

**STEP 2**  
 Winners from the three regional programmes are combined to create the **Global Technology Fast 100** programme

**STEP 3**  
 Global winners announced on **10 December 2015**



**Key\***

- North America Technology Fast 500
- EMEA Technology Fast 500
- Asia Pacific Technology Fast 500

\* A global programme excluding Central America, South America, and Greenland