

# Editorial

Welcome to our Fast50 magazine.

For nearly twenty years, the Fast50 programme has encouraged and promoted entrepreneurial, fast-growing technology talent worldwide.

Belgium started with the competition in 2009. That very year the Belgian firm Netlog won the top prize. Now, four years later, 75 Belgian technology businesses registered for the competition. Each of them is an inspirational tale of an individual, or a team, with a vision to create something new, and to build value for owners, employees, customers and the wider economy.

Read on to discover revealing stories and refreshing insights from the Belgian nominees. You will also receive valuable tips on intellectual property and government incentives to promote R&D, on reporting and on capital from Deloitte technical experts. In addition, explore the developments that will shape technology, media and telecommunication over the next 12-18 months, as identified by the Deloitte TMT Predictions 2013.

The following pages contain a treasure trove of commercial visionaries and technology entrepreneurs. Their words have inspired us and we are sure they will do the same for you.

Happy reading,

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