



Most Sustainable Corporations in the World

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Corporate Knights Global 100 Most Sustainable Corporations Announced in Davos *List of companies practicing cleaner capitalism beating benchmark by substantial margin*

DAVOS, SWITZERLAND, (embargoed until 2.01 a.m. EST) January 25, 2012 – Corporate Knights, the company for clean capitalism, announced its eighth annual Global 100 list of the most sustainable large corporations in the world.

Toby Heaps, CEO of *Corporate Knights*, says, “in a year in which Wall Street was occupied and capitalism became a bad word, the Global 100 companies serve as ambassadors for a better, cleaner kind of capitalism which, it also turns out, is more profitable.” From its inception on February 1 2005 to December 31, 2011, the Global 100 Most Sustainable Corporations has achieved a total return of 41.70%, outperforming its benchmark, (the MSCI All Country World Index at 29.30%) by more than 11%.

The Global 100 was recently recognized for its industry-leading standard of transparency and objectivity by a meta-study of corporate sustainability rankings ([Rate the Raters](#) by the consultancy SustainAbility).

The number one ranked company in the Global 100 the world for 2012 was Novo Nordisk. The Danish pharmaceutical firm, which had revenues of DKK 60.7 billion (US\$10.5 billion) in 2010, is on record that access to essential medicines is a human right, and sells human insulin (the most basic kind) to 33 of the world’s poorest countries, at no more than 20 per cent of the average price in the western world. On the key clean capitalism metrics measured by Corporate Knights, Novo Nordisk scored top quartile performance in energy productivity (\$4,851 in revenue generated per unit of energy consumption, compared to a pharmaceutical sector average of \$3,603), carbon productivity (\$68,585 in revenue generated per unit of carbon emitted, compared to a pharmaceutical sector average of \$56,414) and pay equity (CEO/average employee remuneration ratio of 15 vs. a pharmaceutical sector average of 93). Novo Nordisk is the only pharmaceutical company within the Global 100 to report linking CEO remuneration to corporate performance on clean capitalism KPIs.

The 2012 Global 100 tapped intelligence from the world's largest sustainability research alliance put together by Legg Mason’s Global Currents Investment Management and Phoenix Global Advisors LLC to isolate the top ten per cent of companies from a universe of 3,500 global stocks, which were then transparently ranked based on 11 indicators, with data collected by Corporate Knights Research Group and verified with The BLOOMBERG PROFESSIONAL® service.

The Global 100 includes companies from 22 countries encompassing all sectors of the economy, with collective annual sales in excess of \$3.02 trillion, and 5,285,645 million employees.

Among the 22 countries, the United Kingdom led the way with 16 Global 100 companies (five more than they had in 2011). Japan followed with 11 (down from 19 in 2011). France and the United States tied for third place with each claiming the headquarters of eight Global 100 companies. Rounding out the top ten scoring countries with at least three Global 100 companies were: Australia (seven), Canada (six), Germany (five) Switzerland (five), Denmark (four), Netherlands (four), Norway (four), Sweden (four), and Brazil (three). Sixty-eight per cent of the 2011 companies remained on the list in 2012.

The Corporate Knights 2012 Global 100 includes one new indicator: “Employee Turnover,” which provides insight into a company’s human capital management, and is now disclosed by a critical threshold of companies.

This year’s Global 100 companies were recognized at the Davos World Economic Forum at a private dinner hosted by Corporate Knights and Inflection Point Capital Management. The dinner discussion, attended by Global 100 company executives and leaders in the financial sector, explored how the power of bond markets can be catalyzed to kick-start the next era of green growth.

Global 100 Key Performance Indicators Definitions

Energy Productivity (US\$) Sales (US\$) / Total direct and indirect energy consumption (gigajoules)

Carbon Productivity (US\$) Sales (US\$) / Total CO₂ and CO₂ equivalents emissions (tonnes)

Water Productivity (US\$) Sales (US\$) / Total water use (cubic meters)

Waste Productivity (US\$) Sales (US\$) / Total amount of waste produced (tonnes)

Leadership Diversity % women Board Directors

CEO-to-average worker pay

Ratio of highest paid officer’s compensation to average employee compensation (3-year average)

% Tax Paid

% reported tax obligation paid in cash (3-year average)

Safety Productivity Sales (US\$) / lost-time incidents*\$50k and fatalities*\$1M)

Sustainability Remuneration

Whether or not at least one senior officer has his/her pay linked to sustainability

Innovation Capacity R&D/sales (3-year average)

Employee Turnover Total Number of employees who leave the organization voluntarily or due to dismissal, retirement, or death in service as a percentage of the total employee numbers at the end of the reporting period

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For full rankings and other details, please see: www.global100.org and www.corporateknights.com/global100

About Corporate Knights: Founded in 2002, Corporate Knights Inc. is an independent Toronto-based media, research and financial products company focused on clean capitalism. <http://www.corporateknights.com/>

The Global 100 Most Sustainable Corporations in the World is an annual project initiated by Corporate Knights, the company for clean capitalism. In 2012, Corporate Knights collaborated with three strategic partners to identify the Corporate Knights Global 100 Most Sustainable Corporations in the World: Inflection Point Capital Management, a sustainability-focused asset management venture founded by Dr. Matthew Kiernan, Legg Mason's Global Currents Investment Management, and Phoenix Global Advisors LLC (a consulting and technology platform focused on sustainability). Launched in 2005, the Global 100 is announced each year at the World Economic Forum in Davos.

Number of Corporate Knights Global 100 Companies in 2012 by Country

Country	# companies in Global 100
United Kingdom	16
Japan	11
France	8
United States	8
Australia	7
Canada	6
Germany	5
Switzerland	5
Denmark	4
Netherlands	4
Norway	4
Spain	4
Sweden	4
Brazil	3
Finland	2
Singapore	2
South Korea	2
Austria	1
Belgium	1
India	1
Italy	1
South Africa	1

2012 Global 100 Most Sustainable Corporations in the World

Rank #	Company Name #	Country #	GICS Sector #
1	Novo Nordisk A/S	Denmark	Health Care
2	Natura Cosmeticos S.A.	Brazil	Consumer Staples
3	Statoil ASA	Norway	Energy
4	Novozymes A/S	Denmark	Materials
5	ASML Holding NV	Netherlands	Information Technology
6	BG Group Plc	United Kingdom	Energy
7	Vivendi S.A.	France	Telecommunication Services
8	Umicore S.A./N.V.	Belgium	Materials
9	Norsk Hydro ASA	Norway	Materials
10	Atlas Copco AB	Sweden	Industrials
11	Sims Metal Management Ltd	Australia	Materials
12	Koninklijke Philips Electronics NV	Netherlands	Industrials
13	Teliasonera AB	Sweden	Telecommunication Services
14	Westpac Banking Corp.	Australia	Financials
15	Life Technologies Corp.	United States	Health Care
16	Credit Agricole SA	France	Financials
17	Henkel AG & Co. KGaA	Germany	Consumer Staples
18	Intel Corp.	United States	Information Technology
19	Neste Oil Oyj	Finland	Energy
20	Swisscom AG	Switzerland	Telecommunication Services
21	Toyota Motor Corp.	Japan	Consumer Discretionary
22	Centrica Plc	United Kingdom	Utilities
23	Koninklijke DSM N.V.	Netherlands	Materials
24	Geberit AG	Switzerland	Industrials
25	Roche Holding AG	Switzerland	Health Care
26	Schneider Electric SA	France	Industrials
27	Sap AG	Germany	Information Technology
28	Hitachi Chemical Company Ltd.	Japan	Materials
29	Anglo American Platinum Ltd.	South Africa	Materials
30	POSCO	South Korea	Materials
31	Vestas Wind Systems A/S	Denmark	Industrials
32	Dassault Systemes SA	France	Information Technology
33	BT Group Plc	United Kingdom	Telecommunication Services
34	Tnt N.V.	Netherlands	Industrials
35	Mitsubishi Heavy Industries Ltd.	Japan	Industrials
36	Scania AB	Sweden	Industrials
37	Acciona SA	Spain	Utilities

38	Adidas AG	Germany	Consumer Discretionary
39	Tomra Systems ASA	Norway	Industrials
40	Aeon Co. Ltd.	Japan	Consumer Staples
41	Siemens AG	Germany	Industrials
42	AstraZeneca Plc	United Kingdom	Health Care
43	Kesko Oyj	Finland	Consumer Staples
44	Yamaha Motor Co. Ltd.	Japan	Consumer Discretionary
45	L'Oreal S.A.	France	Consumer Staples
46	Logica Plc	United Kingdom	Information Technology
47	Corporate Express Australia Ltd.	Australia	Industrials
48	Suncor Energy Inc.	Canada	Energy
49	Repsol YPF S.A.	Spain	Energy
50	Prudential	United Kingdom	Financials
51	Renault SA	France	Consumer Discretionary
52	Unilever Plc	United Kingdom	Consumer Staples
53	Allianz SE	Germany	Financials
54	StoreBrand ASA	Norway	Financials
55	Iberdrola S.A.	Spain	Utilities
56	Omv AG	Austria	Energy
57	Daiwa House Industry Co. Ltd.	Japan	Financials
58	Industria De Diseno Textil S.A.	Spain	Consumer Discretionary
59	Agilent Technologies Inc.	United States	Information Technology
60	Danone SA	France	Consumer Staples
61	Banco Bradesco S.A.	Brazil	Financials
62	City Developments Ltd	Singapore	Financials
63	Stockland Australia	Australia	Financials
64	Johnson Controls Inc	United States	Consumer Discretionary
65	Vodafone Group Plc	United Kingdom	Telecommunication Services
66	Procter & Gamble Co.	United States	Consumer Staples
67	H & M Hennes & Mauritz AB	Sweden	Consumer Discretionary
68	Swiss Reinsurance Company	Switzerland	Financials
69	International Business Machines Corp.	United States	Information Technology
70	Kingfisher Plc	United Kingdom	Consumer Discretionary
71	Enbridge Inc.	Canada	Energy
72	Ricoh Co. Ltd.	Japan	Information Technology
73	Samsung Electronics Co. Ltd.	South Korea	Information Technology
74	Glaxosmithkline Plc	United Kingdom	Health Care
75	Stmicroelectronics N.V.	Switzerland	Information Technology
76	Encana Corp.	Canada	Energy
77	Sysmex Corp.	Japan	Health Care
78	Electrocomponents Plc	United Kingdom	Information Technology
79	Insurance Australia Group	Australia	Financials
80	Nissan Motor Co. Ltd.	Japan	Consumer Discretionary
81	Petrobras Petroleo Brasileiro	Brazil	Energy

82	Pennon Group Plc	United Kingdom	Utilities
83	JCDecaux S.A.	France	Consumer Discretionary
84	Coloplast A/S	Denmark	Health Care
85	Ibiden Co.ltd.	Japan	Information Technology
86	BAXTER INTERNATIONAL INC	United States	Health Care
87	CapitaLand Limited	Singapore	Financials
88	London Stock Exchange Group Plc	United Kingdom	Financials
89	Nexen Inc.	Canada	Energy
90	Prologis	United States	Financials
91	Sun Life Financial Inc.	Canada	Financials
92	HSBC Holdings Plc	United Kingdom	Financials
93	Lawson Inc.	Japan	Consumer Staples
94	J Sainsbury Plc	United Kingdom	Consumer Staples
95	Royal Bank Of Canada	Canada	Financials
96	Intesa Sanpaolo S.p.A.	Italy	Financials
97	Origin Energy Ltd.	Australia	Energy
98	Dairy Crest Group Plc	United Kingdom	Consumer Staples
99	Ramsay Health Care Ltd.	Australia	Health Care
100	Reliance Industries Ltd.	India	Energy