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Press Release

Inaugural ranking reveals 25 most sustainable private companies in the world

TORONTO, April 22, 2025 – *Corporate Knights* today released its inaugural Private 25 Most Sustainable Corporations in the World, highlighting large privately held companies doing the most to bring sustainable products and services to the marketplace.

All privately held companies around the world with at least \$1 billion in sales which also disclosed their greenhouse gas emissions were included in the ranking assessment.

Among the top five companies are a Dutch bicycle maker and Italian green energy provider, a German smart grid operator, an Austrian sustainable development bank, and a Norwegian circular economy marketplace.

Scoring for the ranking was based on a transparent methodology (available [here](#)) on up to 12 sustainability indicators including the % of revenues the company earned from sustainable products and services as defined by the [Corporate Knights Sustainable Economy Taxonomy](#).

“Because their governance structure provides some insulation from the short-term pressures faced by publicly traded companies, private companies can better focus on the long term and play an outsized role in setting the pace of the sustainability transition – and this ranking shows which companies are leading the way,” said Toby Heaps, CEO of Corporate Knights.