



# CEO Awards 2021



Despite – or maybe because of – the changes wrought to every sector of society by coronavirus, this year’s CEO Awards were more toughly contested than ever. But then, having to steer a company through a global pandemic certainly separates the ‘wheat from the chaff’ as they say.

In other words, who stood up to the challenge and fought the changes head on? We can confidently say all those short-listed for our CEO of the Year Awards certainly did.

## Winning qualities and personality traits

Other qualities our judging panel looked for when assessing nominations were innovation and creativity (and the latter was certainly something that was required in 2020). A CEO who is inspirational to his or her workforce was something else we looked for, alongside a visionary bent.

To find all of these qualities in one individual may sound like a tall order, but we certainly saw them in our short list of C-level executives, along with credentials such as commitment and an eagerness to engage with staff.

## Customer satisfaction and community outlook

We also wanted to highlight company achievements or practices that the CEO had introduced. These were along the lines of sustainability and product excellence. An organisation that received great marks for customer

satisfaction already received a large tick in our book. So too did one which was mindful of the wider community in which it operated, giving to local sponsorship requests etc.

## Variety of sectors and nationalities

Many sectors and industries were represented in the nominations process. From manufacturing and retail to life sciences and artificial intelligence, our CEOs had a variety of different – and interesting – backgrounds. And they came from all areas of the globe too – Europe, South America, Scandinavia, Africa and the Far East. So, you can just imagine what a tough job choosing even a short-list, never mind whittling the candidates down even further to find an ultimate winner.

In the end though they did of course find their winner and you will read their story and about their company in the pages of this magazine. We are sure you’ll be as impressed as our judging panel.

## THE WINNERS - CEO AWARDS 2021

- Anders Bruun, COACH Solutions**  
'MOST INNOVATIVE CEO IN THE DANISH MARITIME INDUSTRY' & 'TECH ENTREPRENEUR OF THE YEAR - DENMARK'
- Andreas Halbleib, QUO**  
'SCIENCE/TECHNOLOGY CEO OF THE YEAR - SWITZERLAND' & 'MOST INNOVATIVE CEO OF THE YEAR - SWITZERLAND'
- Anders Thorup, introDus**  
'MOST INNOVATIVE CEO OF THE YEAR - DENMARK' & 'BEST CEO IN THE HR TECH INDUSTRY'
- Angelica Lips da Cruz, INNORBIS**  
'BEST CEO IN THE SUSTAINABILITY / ESG SYSTEMS INDUSTRY' & 'TECH ENTREPRENEUR OF THE YEAR - SWEDEN'
- Augustin Becquet, Recommerce Group**  
'BEST CEO IN THE REFURBISHED ELECTRONICS INDUSTRY' & 'GREEN BUSINESS LEADER OF THE YEAR - EUROPE'
- Cary Adams, Union for International Cancer Control (UICC)**  
'BEST CEO NOT-FOR-PROFIT SECTOR - EUROPE'
- David Gantshar, Shepherd Search Group**  
'BEST CEO | GLOBAL EXECUTIVE SEARCH & RECRUITMENT INDUSTRY'
- David Stockton, Dulseo**  
'BEST CEO WASTE MANAGEMENT SERVICES - MIDDLE EAST' & 'BEST CEO IN THE STAFFING & RECRUITING INDUSTRY - MIDDLE EAST'
- Efrat Shaked, The Doing Good Model**  
'BEST NEW CEO OF THE YEAR - ISRAEL'
- Frans Killoway, Frasil**  
'MOST INNOVATIVE CEO OF THE YEAR - AUSTRALIA' & 'BUSINESS LEADERSHIP AND OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO TECHNOLOGY'
- Giuseppe Casareto, Caffitaly System**  
'MOST INNOVATIVE CEO IN THE GLOBAL COFFEE INDUSTRY'
- Georgio Pautrie, Dante Medical Solutions**  
'MOST INNOVATIVE CEO IN THE FOOD TECH INDUSTRY' & 'HEALTHCARE CEO OF THE YEAR - ITALY'
- Hamad Al Mehyas, CEO, National Health Insurance Company**  
'BEST CEO IN THE HEALTH INSURANCE INDUSTRY'
- Hamsika Premkumar, Development Goals Forum (DCF)**  
'VISIONARY CEO OF THE YEAR - NORWAY' & 'MOST INNOVATIVE CEO OF THE YEAR - NORWAY'
- Jeppe Krog Rasmussen, Dancann Pharma**  
'MOST INNOVATIVE CEO IN EUROPE'S PHARMACEUTICALS INDUSTRY'
- Joachim Czabanski, Klaus Faber**  
'BUSINESS TRANSFORMATION SYSTEM CEO OF THE YEAR - GERMANY' & 'INSPIRATIONAL BUSINESS LEADER OF THE YEAR - EUROPE'
- Kenneth Nealey, Laocann Capital**  
'FINANCIAL SERVICES CEO OF THE YEAR - SOUTH-EAST ASIA'
- Laura Philips, Spheryx**  
'MOST INNOVATIVE CEO IN THE ANALYTICAL INSTRUMENTATION INDUSTRY'
- Leslie Marel-Cuyon, Biomarel**  
'BEST CEO IN THE MEDICAL DEVICE INDUSTRY - EUROPE'
- Lisa Andrew, Silicon Valley Education Foundation (SVEF)**  
'BEST CEO NON-PROFIT SECTOR - USA'
- Luca Meinardi, CRIVEN**  
'MOST INNOVATIVE CEO IN THE ARCHITECTURAL LIGHTING INDUSTRY' & 'BUSINESS TRANSFORMATION CEO OF THE YEAR - ITALY'
- Luca Costa, International Institute of Welding**  
'INDUSTRIAL ENGINEERING CEO OF THE YEAR - EUROPE' & 'DIGITAL BUSINESS TRANSFORMATION CEO OF THE YEAR - EUROPE'
- Mos Falah, Simple Solar**  
'RENEWABLE ENERGY CEO OF THE YEAR - USA' & 'EMPLOYEE-FOCUSED CEO OF THE YEAR - USA'
- Mika Tienhaara, Rocsole**  
'GROWTH STRATEGY CEO OF THE YEAR - FINLAND' & 'MOST INNOVATIVE CEO IN THE OIL & GAS INDUSTRY'
- Paul H. Jones, Bitrex**  
'ENTREPRENEUR OF THE YEAR IN THE CHEMICAL MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY'
- Paul Moreau, REDPHARMA**  
'MOST INNOVATIVE CEO IN HEALTHCARE MARKETING AND COMMUNICATIONS' & 'GROWTH STRATEGY CEO OF THE YEAR - BELGIUM'
- Pete Chareonwongsak, Teleport**  
'MOST INNOVATIVE CEO IN ASIA'S LOGISTICS INDUSTRY' & 'BUSINESS TRANSFORMATION CEO OF THE YEAR - ASIA'
- Philippe de Dijkster, Farmazorg**  
'HEALTHCARE CEO OF THE YEAR - BELGIUM'
- Rolf Gordon Adamson, Nexcom**  
'MOST INNOVATIVE CEO | CONTACT CENTER SOFTWARE INDUSTRY'
- Rosanne Longmore, Coroflo**  
'GROWTH STRATEGY CEO OF THE YEAR - IRELAND' & 'STARTUP CEO OF THE YEAR - IRELAND'
- Satender Sharma, Petrocontracts International**  
'BEST CEO | OIL & GAS MANAGEMENT CONSULTING INDUSTRY'
- Shahab Elmi, Cymbiotika**  
'MOST INNOVATIVE CEO IN THE US WELLNESS INDUSTRY' & 'GROWTH STRATEGY CEO OF THE YEAR - USA'
- Stefano Esposito, BPER Leasing**  
'BEST CEO IN THE ITALIAN LEASING INDUSTRY'
- Steffen Raach, Sowento**  
'MOST INNOVATIVE CEO IN THE WIND ENERGY CONSULTING INDUSTRY'
- Stefan Zimmermann, PFW Aerospace**  
'MOST INNOVATIVE CEO IN THE AEROSPACE/AVIATION INDUSTRY'
- Sul Yoon, CK Innovation, Inc.**  
'MOST INNOVATIVE MANUFACTURING CEO PHILIPPINES' & 'EMPLOYEE-FOCUSED CEO OF THE YEAR - PHILIPPINES'
- Sunil Kumar, The DataFlow Group**  
'BEST CEO IN THE GLOBAL RISK SERVICES INDUSTRY'
- Thomas Chaffield, Camber Aviation Management**  
'BEST CEO IN THE PRIVATE AVIATION SERVICES INDUSTRY - NORTH AMERICA' & 'BUSINESS TRANSFORMATION CEO OF THE YEAR - CANADA'
- Tony Cougassian, BLU Solutions**  
'BEST CEO IN THE LOYALTY PROGRAMS INDUSTRY - MIDDLE EAST'