

Castellum Wins WorldGBC's European Business Leadership in Sustainability Award

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At Greenbuild Euromed in Verona last night, the World Green Building Council (WorldGBC) announced the winners of the Europe Leadership in Green Building Awards 2015.

The biannual awards were established by WorldGBC's Europe Regional Network to promote leadership on sustainability and inspire best practice in building projects, business practice and public policy.

Castellum, one of Sweden's largest real estate companies, took the award for Business Leadership in Sustainability. "We are delighted to have received this prestigious award which recognises our sustainability operations and this award will encourage our organisation to keep going even further. To evolve is the only truly sustainable approach and we believe that as an organisation, in the long term, working with sustainability is a requirement to create economic growth" said Henrik Saxborn CEO at Castellum.

Bengt Wånggren, CEO of Sweden Green Building Council said "I am delighted that Castellum, one of our members, has been selected as the winner of the Business Leadership in Sustainability award. Castellum takes good care of both properties and customers and they actively contribute to sustainable development within the company and in the cities they operate in."

As one of the expert partner organisations on the awards jury, the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors remarked "The Castellum entry was of the highest standard and demonstrates a commitment to sustainability across the organisation, from board level downwards. Of particular note was the pro-active approach to internal training and experience sharing through the Swedish Green Building Council."

Award Partners and Jury



See the full list of nominees and more information on the winners on the WorldGBC website:
www.worldgbc.org/activities/govt-leadership-awards/europe



About the Business Leadership in Sustainability Winner

Castellum AB, Sweden

Castellum AB is one of Sweden's largest real estate companies, listed on the Stockholm Stock Exchange, and holding properties valued at SEK 40 billion. They are found in five strong growth regions in southern Sweden and Denmark. They specialise in commercial properties and carry out operations through six wholly owned subsidiaries employing 300 people.

They take good care of both properties and customers – with their own employees and their co-workers. Regular surveys measure how well they are perceived as employers, and in 2014, their NMI (Satisfied Employee Index) scored 85%. They also register customer satisfaction via an NKI (Satisfied Customer Index) and that's how they know that 88% of their customers would recommend them as landlords.

Sustainability has always been a natural part of operations, and Castellum has a pronounced focus on environmental efforts. This means that resources, such as energy, are used as wisely and efficiently as possible. Castellum works with constant environmental improvements, and today, 20% of the real estate portfolio is certified in accordance with the criteria of Miljöbyggnad, Green Building or BREEAM. Castellum currently owns 30% of Sweden's Green Building-certified properties.

Sustainable development is also about our social environment, and Castellum actively participates in the communities where they operate. Castellum participates in ongoing collaborations with customers and other stakeholders on issues such as improved public transport and increased cooperation with schools and universities. In addition, the Group supports young people by offering summer jobs and apprenticeships.

See: <http://www.castellum.se/en/about-castellum/sustainable-business.html>

About the World Green Building Council

The World Green Building Council is a global member network of Green Building Councils enabling green building and sustainable communities through leadership and market transformation. Our vision is a built environment that enables a high quality of life for all within limits the planet can support. See: www.worldgbc.org/regions/europe

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