

The 10 World Class Company Award Winners

A. Stotz Investment Research (ASIR) today announces its global “World Class Company Award”, part of its pursuit to find the companies around the world with the best financial performance. This measure comes from the company’s research operations, which consider the largest 3,400 non-financial companies across the world’s markets.

To designate a “World Class Company”, the ASIR team considers companies on two measures that matter most in terms of share-price performance: profitability and growth. The researchers call this combined measure, “Profitable Growth”.

The World Class Company Award is given to 10 companies, one each from the sectors included in the ASIR team’s studies. Only 2.4% of 3,400 companies around the globe made it into the final round. All of the companies below stand out among their sector peers for their superior Profitable Growth.

- Consumer Discretionary: Pandora A/S, Denmark
- Consumer Staples: Sanderson Farms, Inc., USA
- Energy: EQT Midstream Partners, LP, USA
- Health Care: Biogen, Inc., USA
- Industrials: Shandong Himile Mechanical Science & Technology Co., Ltd., China
- Information Technology: COLOPL, Inc., Japan
- Materials: STP&I PCL, Thailand
- Real Estate: PT. Pakuwon Jati Tbk., Indonesia
- Telecommunication Services: DiGi.Com Bhd., Malaysia
- Utilities: Glow Energy PCL, Thailand

To identify the 10 winners, ASIR considered the position of about 3,400 firms globally in 10 sectors: Consumer Discretionary, Consumer Staples, Energy, Health Care, Industrials, Information Technology, Materials, Real Estate, Telecommunication Services and Utilities.

The companies that constituted the universe were listed on any exchange in the world during 2013-2014 and had a market capitalization of at least US\$600m as of 8 May 2015. Of these 3,400 companies, about half were from Asian countries. Each company that achieved this designation has maintained itself in the top third relative to sector peers for both profitability and growth performance, for at least eight quarters and shown net profit for the past three years on a quarterly or semi-annual basis. In addition, the 10 winners had the highest Profitable Growth score in the world based on their 2014 reported annual results as of 8 May 2015.

About A. Stotz Investment Research

A. Stotz Investment Research advises institutional investors and high-net worth individuals around the globe on stock selection and portfolio construction. It also advises CEOs on how to achieve world-class financial performance. The company is headquartered in Hong Kong with offices in Bangkok, Thailand.

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The 10 World Class Company Award Winners' Websites

Pandora A/S: <http://www.pandora.net/>

Sanderson Farms, Inc.: <http://www.sandersonfarms.com/>

EQT Midstream Partners, LP: <https://www.eqtmidstreampartners.com/>

Biogen, Inc.: <https://www.biogen.com/>

Shandong Himile Mechanical Science & Technology Co., Ltd.: <http://www.haomaikeji.com/EN/>

COLOPL, Inc.: <http://colopl.co.jp/en/>

STP&I PCL: <http://www.stpi.co.th/>

PT. Pakuwon Jati Tbk.: <http://www.pakuwon.com/>

DiGi.Com Bhd.: <http://www.digi.com.my/>

Glow Energy PCL: <http://www.glow.co.th/>