

## PRESS RELEASE

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### **EDANA IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THE NOMINEES FOR THE INDEX™17 AWARDS**

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**24<sup>th</sup> February, 2017 – Brussels, Belgium** – INDEX™17, the largest global meeting place between the players in the nonwovens supply chain and their customers, will again showcase the INDEX™ 17 Awards for “Excellence in the nonwovens and related industries”.

The Awards ceremony will take place on the EDANA stand at 10 am on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April, the opening day of the exhibition.

EDANA's INDEX™17 Awards are the highest accolade for the best examples of excellence in the industry, highlighting creativity and innovations from businesses of all sizes, and from all parts of the nonwovens supply chain.

The INDEX™17 awards jury, comprised of a former senior nonwovens entrepreneur and manager, a representative of the nonwovens industry trade press, an international independent consultant and two top academic nonwovens R&D experts, met in January to select the nominees, if any, in each of the 8 Awards categories, and to choose, from this group, the winner which will remain undisclosed until the 4<sup>th</sup> April Awards Ceremony.

Companies could submit only one product or process application per category, and products must have been commercially available as from 31<sup>st</sup> January 2017. Additionally, products or campaigns must not have been commercially launched before April 2014.

In view of the number of eligible applications, the task of the jury has been particularly long, and, keeping up with the highly demanding selection criteria, it has decided to nominate candidates in only 6 of the 8 Awards categories.

**Nominees for each of these, in alphabetic order, are as follows:**

- Nonwoven Roll Goods
  - Atex – 3D Scrubbing Spunbond
  - Berry Plastics - NuviSoft™
  - Jacob Holm & Sons - SoftFlush®
- Finished or composite products made from, or incorporating nonwovens
  - Glatfelter - Dreamweaver Gold™ 20 microns
  - Nonwovens Innovation & Research Institute - Surfaceskins
  - TWE Group - Amphibia
- Raw materials or components (e.g. fibre, binder, polymer, tape), of special relevance to the nonwovens industry and related converted products
  - H.B. Fuller - Conforma™
  - Henkel - Technomelt®
  - Magic – Spongel
- Innovation in machinery of special relevance to the nonwovens industry
  - Autefa Solutions – V- Jet Injector
  - GDM - Rear Wing Zero Waste
- Sustainable Product
  - Hassan Group - Self Sufficient Relief Tents
- Sustainable process or management practice
  - Mobi-Air – Mobi-Chill
  - Suominen Corporation - Blind Hiring recruitment process

For more information about the exhibition, or to register as a visitor, please visit the dedicated INDEX™17 website: [www.index17.org](http://www.index17.org).



### **INDEX™ Awards Ceremony**

The winners will be presented with their specially commissioned bronze sculpture and a diploma at the Awards Ceremony which will take place on the first day of INDEX™17, Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> April at 10.00 am, which will be attended by the media, and is open to all exhibitors and visitors to the show.

### **An award and a work of art**

Designed by world-famous Belgian sculptor, Olivier Strebelle, the stunning work of art is both beautiful and representative of the diversity of EDANA's members and their products.

Olivier Strebelle, born in 1927, had already gained an enviable reputation by the age of 20 and today his sculptures are displayed in major cities in Europe, in the United States and Asia.

### **About EDANA**

EDANA serves more than 240 companies across 36 countries in the nonwovens and related industries, helping its members to design their future. The Association's mission is to create the foundation for sustainable growth of the nonwovens and related industries through active promotion, education and dialogue. Information about upcoming events can be found at [www.edana.org](http://www.edana.org)

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