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50 fastest growing Belgian technology companies and 10 Rising Star finalists announced

Deloitte unveils top players in the Belgian start-up and scale-up world with the 10th annual Technology Fast 50 nominees and Rising Star finalists.

Brussels, 28 September 2023 – Deloitte Belgium today released the names of the nominees of the 10th annual Technology Fast 50 in Belgium. In addition to the list of the 50 fastest-growing technology companies, Deloitte also named the 10 finalists of the Rising Star competition, which recognises promising companies that have been active in the technology sector for less than four years. The Technology Fast 50 award will be presented to the fastest-growing technology company in Belgium in terms of its percentage of growth in turnover over the past four years. Deloitte will announce the Fast 50 winner 2023 as well as the different category winners at the Fast 50 Awards Ceremony on 26 October 2023. [Click here](#) for the full list of nominees.

At this year's special anniversary Fast 50 Awards Ceremony Deloitte will bring together the key players from Belgium's tech scene, helping expand the networks of technology entrepreneurs. By connecting start-ups and scale-ups with the CEOs of corporations and family-owned and run companies, investors, and entrepreneurs, Deloitte aims to stimulate cross-fertilisation and further encourage technological innovation in the vibrant Belgian scale-up ecosystem.

"This year we are celebrating the 10th anniversary of the Deloitte Technology Fast 50 in Belgium and we see another good flow from Rising Star to Fast 50, with the 2022 winner Venly now on the Fast 50 list. Despite difficult economic conditions, many of last year's strong Fast 50 winners, as well as unicorns such as Odoo and Deliverect, are back in the top 50, which shows that they are continuing to achieve hypergrowth. The field of Rising Star finalists is expanding, shifting from predominantly enterprise software to sustainability and mobility. These 10 exciting start-ups highlight the wealth of the Belgian ecosystem, from deep tech to eco-friendly cleaning products, making a significant impact on the way we live and work," said **Kristof Cox, Programme Director Technology Fast 50**.

Additional award categories

In addition to the award for fastest growth, the 2023 Fast 50 contestant that achieved continuous growth over the past years will receive an award for Most Sustainable Growth.

One winner for each of the below categories will also be awarded.

1. Communications & Networking

2. Digital Commerce
3. Electronic Devices, Hardware & Semiconductor
4. Enterprise Software
5. FinTech
6. Life Sciences & Health Care
7. Media & Entertainment
8. Mobility
9. Sustainability

Rising Star and Most Disruptive Innovator nominees

Companies that have been active in the technology sector for less than four years are featured in the Rising Star category. On 20 September, 73 Rising Star applicants delivered a first pitch in front of a jury of Deloitte industry experts. These 10 companies made it to the final and are invited to pitch again to the Rising Star jury on 26 October:

- [Glooh](#) – **Dimitri Themelis, Liège:**
The Glooh platform provides companies access to outdoor digital signage, linking the digital world and physical retail.
- [PerfectID](#) – **Marc Strackx, Hasselt:**
PerfectID is the creator of Palmki™, a user-friendly biometric identity verification technology giving access to locations, machines, data, time registration, payments, etc.
- [Metamaze](#) – **Niels Van Weereld, Antwerp:**
Metamaze is an adaptive IDP platform that helps organisations to automate classification and data extraction from documents and emails.
- [Optiflux NV](#) – **Niels Bessemans, Houthalen-Helchteren:**
Optiflux® makes innovative storage technology that is used for monitoring, control, and management of contemporary storage facilities for fresh fruit and vegetables.
- [Brauzz. BV](#) – **Lowie Vercraeye, Manush Barvar & Ruben Renaer, Londerzeel:**
BRAUZZ. makes sustainable living accessible to everyone by producing and selling innovative cleaning products, resulting in sustainable being the logical choice.
- [XEOS Medical NV](#) – **Roel Van Holen, Ghent:**
Xeos is a MedTech start-up that is focused on improving outcomes in surgical oncology through innovations in molecular intra-operative imaging.
- [VoxelSensors SRL](#) – **Johannes Peeters, Brussels:**
VoxelSensors is at the forefront of 3D perception, providing cutting-edge sensors and solutions for seamless integration of the physical and digital worlds.
- [QustomDot](#) – **Kim De Nolf, Zwijnaarde:**
QustomDot's patented, stable, and cost-effective quantum dot solutions empower businesses to integrate stunning visuals into their products.
- [Hippocreates BV](#) – **Senne Gorris, Aarschot:**
Hippo Dx developed S.P.A.T. (Skin Prick Automated Test), a state-of-the-art medical device for allergy testing.
- [OTIV BV](#) – **Sam De Smet, Ghent:**
OTIV is on a mission to increase safety and efficiency of railway operations by teaching rail vehicles to drive autonomously.

*"Throughout the 10 years of the Deloitte Technology Fast 50 in Belgium, hundreds of enthusiastic entrepreneurs have passionately pitched their companies during the Rising Star preselection. This year again the finalists show great promise and potential for making an impact in the coming years with their innovative products or services. In times of disruption in particular, it is exciting to see start-ups form, thrive, and create breakthroughs," said **Sam Sluismans, Programme Leader Deloitte's Technology Fast 50.***

The Rising Star jury is chaired by **Duco Sickinghe**, Managing Partner of Fortino Capital. The jury includes distinguished members from the business community:

Veroniek Collewaert, Professor of Entrepreneurship at the Vlerick Business School

Heidi Rakels, Founder of GuardSquare (2018 Fast 50 Winner)

Sophie Stegen, Head of Listing at Euronext

Ann Van Mele, Venture Acceleration Manager at Imec.istart

The Most Disruptive Innovator award is presented to the Rising Star nominee that has developed the most revolutionary concept or product within a specific technology segment.

The 2023 Belgian Deloitte Technology Fast 50 competition is organised in cooperation with Euronext, Fortino Capital, and Vlerick Business School.

For more information, please go to www.fast50.be.

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