

## Press Release

### **100 MOST SUSTAINABLE COMPANIES IN THE WORLD ANNOUNCED IN DAVOS**

*Institutional investors choosing environmental, social and governance leaders over laggards*

**DAVOS, SWITZERLAND, January 24, 2007** – Corporate Knights Inc. and Innovest Strategic Value Advisors today announced the third Global 100 list of the most sustainable corporations in the world. The Global 100 includes companies from 16 countries in sectors ranging from Oil and Gas to Wireless Telecommunication Services that were evaluated according to how effectively they manage environmental, social and governance risks and opportunities, relative to their industry peers.

On a country basis, the United Kingdom led the way with 24, with the United States (19) and Japan (13) following. Approximately one-third of the ranked companies were replaced from last year's list.

This year's Global 100 were recognized at the Davos World Economic Forum at a private dinner hosted by Corporate Knights and Innovest. The dinner discussions, under the theme: "*The investor is the new regulator*", also included Stephen J. Adler, Editor-in-Chief, BusinessWeek; Joseph Stiglitz, Professor, Columbia and Nobel Laureate in Economics; as well as top brass from Goldman Sachs, JP Morgan and Swiss Re. The focus of their discussion was on how the wealth of financial markets can be harnessed to power the next industrial revolution.

Matthew Kiernan, CEO of Innovest, a New York-based international investment advisory firm, whose analysis underpins the list, notes: "Global 100 companies are proactive in their response to investor and other stakeholder demands for better management of risks such as climate change. We believe that these sustainability leaders will create significant long-term value through innovation, lower costs, better employee recruiting and retention and consumer choice. Global 100 companies will likely continue to out-perform the competition as a result."

Toby Heaps, co-Founder and Editor of Corporate Knights magazine, says that "Increased environmental scrutiny and regulatory action are opening the floodgates for

trillions of dollars of investment capital to flow into companies with a green edge, and the Global 100 are well-placed to surf this long-wave.”

The Global 100, a select group of companies taken from a pool of some 1,800 international companies, provides investors – and other stakeholders, for that matter – with a unique evaluation tool.

<b>Company Name</b>	<b>Country</b>	<b>GICS® Industry</b>
ABN Amro Holding NV	Netherlands	Financials
Accor	France	Consumer Discretionary
Adecco SA	Switzerland	Consumer Discretionary
Adidas Salomon Agency	Germany	Consumer Discretionary
Advanced Micro Devices	United States	Information Technology
Agilent Technologies Inc	United States	Consumer Discretionary
Air France-KLM	France	Industrials
Alcan Inc	Canada	Materials
Alcoa Inc	United States	Materials
American International Group Inc	United States	Financials
Atlas Copco AB	Sweden	Industrials
BASF AG	Germany	Industrials
Baxter International Inc	United States	Health Care
Benesse Corporation	Japan	Consumer Discretionary
British Airways PLC	United Kingdom	Industrials
British Land Company PLC	United Kingdom	Financials
British Sky Broadcasting Group PLC	United Kingdom	Consumer Discretionary
BT Group PLC	United Kingdom	Telecommunication Services
Cable & Wireless PLC	United Kingdom	Telecommunication Services
Centrica PLC	United Kingdom	Utilities
Coca Cola Company	United States	Consumer Staples
Daikin Industries Limited	Japan	Industrials
Daiwa Securities Group Inc	Japan	Financials
Denso Corp.	Japan	Consumer Discretionary
Dexia	Belgium	Financials
Diageo PLC	United Kingdom	Consumer Staples
East Japan Railway Company	Japan	Industrials
Eastman Kodak Company	United States	Consumer Discretionary
Electrocomponents PLC	United Kingdom	Consumer Discretionary
Enbridge Inc	Canada	Utilities
FPL Group Inc	United States	Utilities
Fresenius Medical Care AG	Germany	Health Care
Gamesa Corp. Technologica	Spain	Industrials
General Electric Company	United States	Industrials

Genzyme Corp.	United States	Health Care
Goldman Sachs Group Inc	United States	Financials
Google Inc	United States	Information Technology
Groupe Danone	France	Consumer Staples
Grupo Ferrovial SA	Spain	Industrials
Hbos PLC	United Kingdom	Financials
Henkel AG	Germany	Consumer Discretionary
Hewlett-Packard Company	United States	Information Technology
Holmen AB	Sweden	Materials
HSBC Holdings PLC	United Kingdom	Financials
Iberdrola SA	Spain	Utilities
Inditex SA	Spain	Consumer Discretionary
Indra Sistemas SA	Spain	Information Technology
ING Groep NV	Netherlands	Financials
Insurance Australia Group	Australia	Financials
Intel Corp.	United States	Information Technology
Investa Property Group	Australia	Financials
Johnson Matthey PLC	United Kingdom	Materials
JP Morgan Chase & Company	United States	Financials
Kesko Corp.	Finland	Consumer Staples
Kingfisher PLC	United Kingdom	Consumer Discretionary
Kuraray Company Limited	Japan	Industrials
Lafarge	France	Industrials
Land Securities PLC	United Kingdom	Financials
Marks & Spencer Group PLC	United Kingdom	Consumer Discretionary
Mayr-Melnhof Karton AG	Austria	Industrials
Mitsubishi Heavy Industries Limited	Japan	Industrials
Neste Oil Corporation	Finland	Energy
Nike Inc	United States	Consumer Discretionary
Nippon Yusen KK	Japan	Industrials
Nokia Corporation	Finland	Telecommunication Services
Nomura Holdings Inc	Japan	Financials
Novo Nordisk A/S	Denmark	Health Care
Novozymes A/S	Denmark	Industrials
NTT Docomo Inc	Japan	Telecommunication Services
Pagesjaunes	France	Consumer Discretionary
Pearson PLC	United Kingdom	Consumer Discretionary
Philips Electronics KON	Netherlands	Consumer Discretionary
Pinnacle West Capital Corp.	United States	Utilities
Ricoh Company Limited	Japan	Consumer Discretionary
Roche Holdings Limited	Switzerland	Health Care

Royal Bank Of Canada	Canada	Financials
Royal Dutch Shell PLC	United Kingdom	Energy
Sainsbury (J) PLC	United Kingdom	Consumer Staples
SAP AG	Germany	Information Technology
SCA AB	Sweden	Materials
Scania AB	Sweden	Industrials
Schlumberger Limited	Netherlands Antilles	Energy
Scottish & Southern Energy PLC	United Kingdom	Utilities
Severn Trent PLC	United Kingdom	Consumer Discretionary
Smith & Nephew PLC	United Kingdom	Health Care
Storebrand ASA	Norway	Financials
Sun Life Financial Inc	Canada	Financials
Swiss Reinsurance Company	Switzerland	Financials
Toppan Printing Company Limited	Japan	Industrials
Toyota Motor Corp.	Japan	Consumer Discretionary
Transcanada Corp.	Canada	Utilities
Unibail Holding SA	France	Financials
Unilever PLC	United Kingdom	Consumer Staples
United Technologies Corp.	United States	Industrials
Vestas Windsystems A/S	Denmark	Industrials
Walt Disney Company	United States	Consumer Discretionary
Westpac Banking Corp.	Australia	Financials
Whitbread PLC	United Kingdom	Consumer Discretionary
Wimpey (George) PLC	United Kingdom	Industrials
Yell Group PLC	United Kingdom	Consumer Discretionary

**Corporate Knights Inc.** is an independent Canadian-based media company that publishes the world's largest circulation magazine with an explicit focus on corporate responsibility. The mission of Corporate Knights Inc. is to humanize the marketplace. Corporate Knights publishes the annual Best 50 Corporate Citizens in Canada as a Globe and Mail insert, and the annual Global 100 Most Sustainable Corporations in the World.

**Innovest Strategic Value Advisors** is an international investment advisory firm specializing in analyzing "non-traditional" drivers of risk and shareholder value including companies' performance on environmental, social and strategic governance issues. Innovest was recognized in 2006 as the world's top independent provider of "non-traditional" research by the Thompson Extel survey of major institutional investors. Founded in 1998, the firm currently has over US\$1.3 billion under structured sub-advisory mandates. Innovest currently has clients in over twenty countries, with offices in Toronto, New York, London, Paris, Sydney, San Francisco and Tokyo.

**The Global 100** Most Sustainable Corporations in the World is a project initiated by Corporate Knights Inc. ([www.corporateknights.ca](http://www.corporateknights.ca)), with Innovest Strategic Value

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