

Deadline
for applications
16th January 2023



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world's leading nonwovens exhibition
awards

Excellence in the nonwovens and related industries

Innovation, Creativity
& Sustainability

**“Winning an INDEX™ Award
brought increased opportunities,
and a greater prestige for my business”**

Winning an INDEX™ 23 Award is the highest accolade that can be given to a company for achievement in the nonwovens and related industries. Award winners benefit from improved standing within the nonwovens business community, as well as significant public relations advantages. INDEX™ Awards are presented once every three years during the INDEX™ exhibition.

INDEX™ 23 takes place at **Palexpo, Switzerland, from 18 to 21 April 2023.**



The categories :

1. Nonwoven roll goods
2. Finished products made from, or incorporating nonwovens
3. Raw materials or components - innovation in a raw material or component (e.g. polymer, fibre, binder, film, tape) of special relevance to the nonwovens and related converted products industry
4. Innovation in machinery of special relevance to the nonwovens industry
5. Achievement for the most original marketing campaign for a product made from, or incorporating nonwovens
6. Sustainable nonwoven (based) product or sustainable process related to nonwoven manufacturing or converting

Who can apply

Any EDANA member companies and/or those exhibiting at INDEX™ 23 are eligible to take part.

What is the procedure:

1. Applications are free of charge.
2. Applications must be submitted by 16th January 2023, and where applicable should include samples and further details. All applications will be treated with full confidentiality.
3. EDANA will send you confirmation by email of your submission as soon as it is received, together with the entry number.
4. Up to three entries will be shortlisted per category and applicants will be informed by mid-February 2023 whether or not they have been selected.
5. The shortlisted applicants will be asked to provide a sample or/and additional information for the display area on the exhibition floor.

How to submit your application:

1. Complete the online application form (www.edana.org/events/index/innovation-awards) by 23:59 on 16 January 2023 which will ask you for the following information:
 - Description of your product, with supporting information and data (where relevant). This is the most important part of your submission, therefore we encourage you to make your description engaging, informative, and interesting, while keeping it succinct.
 - An explanation of the innovation/improvement/creative idea(s) offered by your product.
 - Don't forget you can also upload files with any additional details; these could be videos, pictures, data sheets, brochures, or any other information you feel is important to share with the Jury.
 - Where relevant, please send three samples, or three sets of details of your products with this application form. If the product is a roll good, the samples can be A4 size.
2. Please note materials must be posted by Monday 16 January 2023 at the latest to: Giovanna Merola, EDANA, Avenue Herrmann Debroux, 46 – 1160 Brussels, in an envelope marked "CONFIDENTIAL – INDEX™ 23 AWARDS".

Jury:

The jury is made up of a panel of independent experts with technical, converting and marketing experience, as well as a member of the nonwovens press.

They may decide to reclassify your entry in your best interest depending on how they judge your entry against the most relevant category.

Benefits:

Shortlisted candidates will receive:

- Media coverage before and after the ceremony
- A dedicated space at INDEX™ 23, where the three nominees, including the winner, of each category will be displayed for the duration of the exhibition.

The winners of each category will:

- Receive a prestigious award and a diploma, as well as media coverage after the ceremony.
- Be published on EDANA's website and social media channels.

What are the criteria

- Products must have been/be made commercially during the period 1 April 2020 – 31 January 2023.
- A company may only submit one product per category, however, a single product may be submitted to more than one category. Please note that a product cannot win in multiple categories.
- Product improvement, process innovation or consumer benefits must be substantiated. For example, for a sustainable product or process, this would include a significant, positive impact on the social and/or economic and/or environmental profile of said product.

The INDEX™23 awards ceremony:

The winners will be selected from the shortlisted entries and will be presented with their awards at a special ceremony. Shortlisted applicants are strongly encouraged to attend the ceremony in person, or to nominate a representative from their company to attend on their behalf.

This ceremony will take place on 18 April 2023, the first day of the INDEX™ 23 exhibition, at 10.00 at the EDANA stand. It will include a highly publicised launch with media coverage.

2020 winners:

Jacob Holm, Dupont De Nemours, Beaulieu Fibres International, GDM, Berry Global, Ahlstrom-Munksjö and FaterSMART. Omya won the 'People's Prize'.

Calendar:

- **16 January 2023:** Application deadline including samples and details where applicable.
- **Mid-February 2023:** Notification of judges' decision.
- **March 2023:** All qualifying entries will be showcased in a special press release three weeks prior to INDEX™ 23.
- **18 April 2023:** The Awards Ceremony will take place during INDEX™ 23 at 10.00 CET at the EDANA stand.

