

## Press Release

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### **Deloitte, ABN AMRO and ECOstyle sustainable buildings win international BREEAM Awards**

*Deloitte, ABN AMRO and ECOstyle have won the international BREEAM Awards. The awards for the most sustainable buildings in the world were presented at the Marriott in London this evening. These Dutch buildings were chosen by an expert jury from over 40 international nominations. Deloitte also won the public-choice award. BREEAM is the world's leading sustainability assessment method for projects, infrastructure and buildings.*

#### ***The Edge***

Deloitte won the sustainability award in the category 'Offices – New' with their building called The Edge in Amsterdam's financial district. The jury was impressed by the use of smart technologies from OVG Real Estate and Philips – office workers can change temperature and lighting using their smartphone. The building also includes more solar panels on its roof and facade than any other office building in Europe. The office has the highest BREEAM-score ever awarded (98,36%) and received the most votes from the public to win the 'Your BREEAM' award as well.

#### ***ABN AMRO Bank HQ***

ABN AMRO Bank's headquarters on the Gustav Mahlerlaan in Amsterdam won the BREEAM Award in the category 'Offices – In-use'. The bank is aiming to drastically reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from their offices built in the 1960s. The jury appreciated ABN AMRO sharing its knowledge and experience with its customers in the property-development sector. The inventive and forward-thinking approach to property management that ABN AMRO employs set the bank ahead amongst other contenders in the category.

#### ***ECOstyle***

ECOstyle's office space and warehouse won the award in the category 'Industrial'. The jury's report emphasised its location in the ecological work environment Ecomunitypark in Oosterwolde and its energy and heating supply. Six water pumps and rainwater-filters supply a meaningful service to the building's surroundings. Tesla's distribution centre NewLogic II in Tilburg was also nominated in this category.

#### ***International recognition***

Annemarie van Doorn, director of the Dutch Green Building Council that oversees the BREEAM-NL sustainability certificate in The Netherlands is pleased with the Dutch success: "An office of the future, a stellar example of increasing the sustainability of an existing building and an innovative development in a unique area: I can only be proud of the international recognition these Dutch projects have received. They are stellar examples of property development that all players in the real-estate market should learn from. A challenging task awaits to make existing buildings more sustainable by reducing their CO<sub>2</sub> emissions while ensuring more comfortable and healthy buildings."

#### ***Other winners***

The winner in the category 'Education and health' was the University of East Anglia's The Enterprise Centre in Norwich. Five Pancras Square in London won in the category for buildings with multiple uses. Coca-Cola in Paris won the BREEAM Award in the category 'Offices – refurbishment and fit-out' for the Noda Fit-Out. The prize for sustainable residential buildings went to Courtauld Road in London. The prize for the most sustainable existing shopping centre went to Kanyon in Istanbul. The CityMall in Almere was also nominated in this category. Shopping centre Torsplan in Stockholm won the category 'Retail – new'.

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### *About the Dutch Green Building Council (DGBC)*

The Dutch Green Building Council (DGBC) is an independent network organisation that aims to improve urban sustainability and contribute to a circular economy in a pleasant living and working environment. We encourage knowledge exchange and networking and organise courses, meetings and events on sustainability. We develop and oversee the BREEAM-NL certificate, the international and national certificate for sustainability in real-estate, demolition and urban environments. The foundation was formed in 2008 and is part of the World Green Building Council. We are the largest and most inclusive network in The Netherlands to promote sustainability in urban environments. Some 360 companies and organisations from the building and real-estate sector as well as end-users such as councils and knowledge institutions support the Dutch Green Building Council's mission. More information on the website: [www.dgbc.nl](http://www.dgbc.nl).