

Pure gold: OC again honored for sustainability



For the third year in a row, Owens Corning was named the [industry leader in the building products](#) sector of the RobecoSAM annual [Sustainability Yearbook](#). The company also earned a gold class rating for the third time.

The yearbook looks back at companies' sustainability performance in 2015 and includes the best 15 percent per industry, awarding them gold, silver, or bronze medals. In addition, the company with the highest score in each industry is named RobecoSAM Industry Leader.

"This recognition is the result of the daily efforts of our people all around the world, in such areas as volunteerism, energy and emissions reduction, production efficiency gains, collaboration with customers and suppliers, and talent development," said Frank O'Brien-Bernini, chief sustainability officer. "We continue to expand our impact through sustainability through the actions of all our employees – every day."

Making an impact: People and suppliers

Scores in the areas of human capital development and supply chain management improved over last year.

"Over the past three years, we made significant progress in understanding the environmental and labor practices of our suppliers. They are closely attuned to our sustainability goals," said John Kerr, global sourcing operations and planning leader. "A great example is the work done to help transition carriers from diesel to natural gas as a fuel source. This switch delivers energy efficiency, and greenhouse gas and other emission reductions. We are working with our carriers to make both an economic and environmental impact with their choices. Owens Corning is a leader in the industry in this practice."

"The annual OC Global Supplier Recognition Day celebrates successes like this and in other categories such as safety, innovation, value creation, and partnership in addition to sustainability." Owens Corning recently earned the 11th spot on the 2016 Best Companies for Leaders list from Chief Executive magazine.

This most recent ranking is one of several recognitions of the company's commitment to current and prospective employees. Over the past 20 months, Owens Corning has also seen the following:

- Vault's 50 Best Internships – ranked 27th in the United States (November 2015)
- Corporate Equality Index – perfect score (November 2015)
- Corporate Responsibility's Best Corporate Citizens
- Computerworld's 2015 Best Places to Work (June 2015)
- Aon Hewitt's Top Companies for Leaders (November 2014)
- 2014 Green Cross for Safety Medal (April 2014)

Sustainability investing

RobecoSAM operates under the core belief that sustainable companies are more successful and create more shareholder value. Since 1999, RobecoSAM has been assessing the sustainability performance of companies on a yearly basis. More than 2,100 companies from 42 different countries participated in the latest RobecoSAM Corporate Sustainability Assessment. The company awarded 77 gold class medals, 74 silver class medals and 97 bronze class medals. Owens Corning is one of 10 U.S.-based companies to receive gold class medal.

The 2016 yearbook will be presented on Friday, Jan. 22, at the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland.