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DUTCH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE (DUTCHCHAM) ANNOUNCES WINNERS AT 8th EDITION OF THE WINSEMIUS AWARDS.

SINGAPORE, 27 May 2025 – The Dutch Chamber of Commerce (DutchCham) is proud to announce the winners of the Winsemius Awards 2025, celebrated on Monday the 26st of May 2025 at the Fairmont in Singapore. The Winsemius Awards represent the most prestigious form of recognition on collaboration, business achievements, innovation, social responsibility and sustainability.

The 2025 Winsemius Awards to honour Dr. Albert Winsemius' legacy and celebrate 60 years of bilateral relations between Singapore and the Netherlands.

Ms. Grace Fu, Minister for Sustainability and the Environment and Minister-in-charge of Trade Relations, and Her Excellency Mrs. Anneke Adema, Ambassador of the Netherlands to Singapore and Brunei honoured the evening with their presence and presented the awards to the winners. Mrs. Petri Hofsté, Chair of the Nyenrode Foundation and Supervisory Board Member at Achmea, ING and FrieslandCampina was also one of the distinguished guests of honour of the evening.

The winners of the Winsemius Awards 2025 are:

> Winsemius Business Achievement Award 2025: Walraven Pte Ltd

This award celebrates the success of an organization and honours its business performance, longevity, development of a new direction, business growth and/or any significant innovations with tangible results and benefiting Dutch business in Singapore.

Walraven

Walraven is a global manufacturer, innovator, supplier of fixing solution systems for mechanical, electrical, and plumbing (MEP) as well as fire protection products. Established in 1942, the company is renowned for its innovative and user-friendly product systems that simplify complex installation processes. With a core focus on delivering reliable products with European quality standards, Walraven controls the entire value chain - from product development to production, logistics, technical support, and customer service.

Short summary of the winning case

As a thriving Dutch enterprise in Singapore, Walraven serves as a powerful testament to the innovation and business acumen emanating from the Netherlands. Their success in delivering enhanced project efficiency, championing sustainability, and driving the adoption of advanced technologies directly underscores the significant benefit to Dutch business in Singapore. Furthermore, Walraven actively invests in the future of Singapore's workforce through our dedicated internship program offered to students from local polytechnics. Walraven's strong business performance, dedication to impactful innovation and strategic growth made them the winner of this award.

Find the winning case video here



> Winsemius Community Impact Award 2025: Fairmont Singapore & Swissôtel The Stamford

This award recognizes and honours companies' commitment to positively impacting the Singaporean community with tangible results by creating significant financial, social or environmental value for the benefit of a community.

Fairmont Singapore & Swissôtel The Stamford

Fairmont Singapore & Swissôtel The Stamford are two iconic luxury hotels in the heart of the city, offering world-class hospitality with a strong commitment to sustainability, social responsibility, and community engagement. As part of Accor, they integrate ethical leadership and environmental stewardship into our operations, ensuring a meaningful impact on Singaporean communities.

Short summary of the winning case

The Fairmont Singapore & Swissôtel The Stamford presented a holistic and integrated approach to sustainability and social responsibility. They are a proud model of what luxury hotels can achieve when guided by purpose, innovation, and an unrelenting commitment to doing what's right for people and planet. Their vision is to be a catalyst, not just for change within our own hotels, but for meaningful transformation across Singapore's hospitality.

Find the winning case video here

Winsemius Red Orange Award 2025: Haskoning

This award highlights the importance of the long standing and ongoing relationship between the Netherlands and Singapore and celebrates businesses that create value by collaboration for both the Singaporean and Dutch business community.

Haskoning

Haskoning, a Dutch engineering consultancy was nominated for its extensive water management, coastal protection, and climate change adaptation efforts in Singapore. Since 2010, Haskoning has been enhancing Singapore's resilience against critical environmental challenges, including rising sea levels, increased rainfall, and unpredictable storm surges.

Short summary of the winning case

Haskoning's work in Singapore exemplifies the power of international collaboration in addressing the urgent challenges of climate change. Their projects not only protect Singapore from the threats of rising sea levels and increased rainfall but also create new opportunities for innovation, economic growth, and sustainable development. Haskoning demonstrates their commitment to excellence, focus on tangible results and dedication to building a climate-resilient future.

Find the winning case video here

About the Winsemius Awards

The Winsemius Awards are named after Dutch economist Dr. Albert Winsemius, who was an important advisor to Prime Minister Lee Kuan Yew from 1961 to 1984 and played a major role in shaping Singapore's national economic development strategy. Dr. Albert Winsemius and Mr. Lee Kuan Yew developed close relations over the years, their friendship symbolizes the very close ties



between Singapore and the Netherlands. The Winsemius Awards recognise and celebrate innovative and impactful achievements of businesses across all sectors.

Ms. Grace Fu, Minister for Sustainability and the Environment and Minister-in-charge of Trade Relations was Guest of Honour at the 2025 Winsemius Awards. In her keynote speech, Ms Fu said, "Singapore and the Netherlands have consistently sought to punch above our weight on the global stage. As we stand at the crossroads of a new global era – defined by digital transformation, decarbonisation, and geopolitical uncertainty, our cooperation as like-minded partners have never been more relevant.

Both Singapore and the Netherlands understand that it is not just about economic growth, but about building societies where people feel included, valued, and empowered. This is why partners like DutchCham matter. Beyond a business network, you provide a bridge to connect ideas, people and possibilities. It reminds us that the strength of our economic relationship lies not only in business transactions, but the depth of trust and mutual understanding that underpin them."

In her speech Ambassador Adema highlighted four key similarities between Singapore and the Netherlands that contribute to the successful relationship - both countries are outward-looking, driven by innovation, share a strong entrepreneurial spirit and have mutual trust.

Godelieve van Dooren, President of DutchCham, elaborated in her speech "As we celebrate, let us also look ahead. The challenges of our time - from climate action to digital transformation - demand the same pioneering spirit that Dr. Winsemius championed. The nominees and winners tonight exemplify how Dutch and Singaporean innovators continue to lead the way, proving that when our nations unite, the possibilities are limitless."

About DutchCham

<u>DutchCham</u>, the Dutch Chamber of Commerce in Singapore, is a recognized organisation that connects the Dutch business community in Singapore. A platform to share and showcase knowledge, skills and expertise through a large variety of business and social activities and events. Our mission is to inform, connect and inspire professionals and companies in Singapore with a shared interest in Dutch business.

MORE INFORMATION

Visit the <u>Winsemius Awards</u> website.

QUERIES AND INTERVIEW REQUESTS

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More information and photos of the event:

- Winsemius Awards Q&A <u>here</u>
- Photos of the event <u>here</u>
- Logo DutchCham <u>here</u>
- Link speech Minister Grace Fu here