

World class sustainability performance at Castellum

Sustainability efforts at Castellum, one of the largest Swedish real estate companies listed on the Stockholm Stock Exchange, continue to be internationally recognized – with two new prestigious awards. Further Castellum has been selected as an index component of the Dow Jones Sustainability Indices (DJSI), which includes the companies in all industries in the world with best performance in terms of sustainability.

This shows that Castellum sustains its world-class ranking”, says Filip Elland, Sustainability Manager at the company. “We receive these awards for demonstrating high quality sustainability action – and for maintaining a transparent and open communication culture around everything we do.”

Castellum is now being awarded the two following international distinctions:

- Global Sector Leader, handed out by GRESB (Global Real Estate Sustainability Benchmark), an international organization which strengthens and protects shareholders through assessing and enhancing sustainability efforts made in the global real estate sector.
- First Prize for sustainability reporting from EPRA (European Public Real Estate Association), which works to improve standards and transparency within the real estate business. This ensures credibility and results in increased security for investors.

Castellum has prioritized sustainability issues from the time the company was created in the middle of the 90’s – not least from a social, corporate responsibility standpoint. For example, the company has featured an apprentice/internship program since 2012, wherein apprentices account for 4% of staff, and three-quarters of these are offered employment after the internship period.

Castellum operates the highest number of environmentally certified properties in Sweden, and the company works with a far-sighted and wide scope, which covers everything from energy-efficiency and reduced carbon-dioxide impact to waste-disposal and water-usage issues. The corporation’s energy consumption has been reduced by almost a third over the last ten years.

The *Global Sector Leader* award means that Castellum is ranked first in the world within the office- and industrial-properties sector by GRESB, which carries out a thorough global appraisal of sustainability activities in 700 major real-estate corporations and funds.

The prize for Best Sustainability Reporting in Europe, *EPRA Gold*, stands as recognition that Castellum delivers on promises, as well as maintaining clear and accurate communication practices.

Dow Jones Sustainability Index (DJSI), owned by RobecoSAM, invites over 3,400 listed companies each year in different industries around the world to participate in the survey. The companies with best sustainability performance are qualified into this prestigious index, which was founded in 1999 in aim to steer investors towards more sustainable investments.

“Social responsibility pays. We’re demonstrating for our stakeholders – including tenants and investors – that Castellum’s systematic sustainability efforts create value”, says Henrik Saxborn, Castellum CEO.

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Castellum is one of the major listed real estate companies in Sweden. The fair value of the real estate portfolio amounts to approx. SEK 72 billion, and comprises of commercial properties for office, retail, warehouse and industrial with a total lettable area of approx. 4.7 million sq.m.

Castellum own and manage properties through one common brand in five geographical regions with strong local presence. The five geographical regions are: Central, North, Stockholm, West and Öresund.

In 2015, Castellum sustainability performance was awarded two top distinctions: the World Green Building Council’s award Business Leadership in Sustainability and “Green Star 2015” by GRESB. This means that Castellum is one of the highest ranking companies in the world in the real estate sector.

The Castellum share is listed on Nasdaq Stockholm Large Cap.