Shortlist for the INDEX23 Awards

27 February 2023

INDEX™23, the largest global meeting place for players in the nonwovens industry, will again feature the INDEX™ Awards for "Excellence in the nonwovens and related industries" at the EDANA stand at 10:00 CET on Tuesday 18 April 2023, the opening day of the exhibition.

Throughout the four-day exhibition the shortlisted entries will be displayed at the INDEX™ Innovation Lab, an INDEX™ exhibition showcasing how innovation and sustainability are driving the nonwovens industry forward.

Open to products that were made commercially available by 31st January 2023, and selected by a jury of experienced industry peers, EDANA's INDEX™23 Awards are the highest accolade for excellence in the nonwovens value chain. The shortlist contains the best examples from the industry, highlighting creativity and innovation from businesses of all sizes, and across all parts of the nonwovens supply chain.

The shortlisted candidates – presented in alphabetical order – for each category of the award are listed below, along with a description of the innovation and feedback from the jury as to why the entry was selected.

1. Nonwoven roll goods

Fitesa – Fitesa® Hydro-X S 100% BioBase

This is a spunbond product that delivers the softness and high-loft properties normally found in nonwovens created by air through bonding (ATB).

This material impressed the jury for its use of bio-based materials (PLA and Bio-PE), drapability, and softness features, demonstrating that a more sustainable material doesn't have to compromise on technical performance.

Sandler – Fast Forward Fabric

Fast Forward Fabric is a single-polymer textile material, speciλcally designed to offer maximum performance while contributing to sustainable material cycles and the conservation of resources at the same time. Compared to standard PET moulded parts, Fast Forward Fabric features high dimensional stability under the inμuence of temperature owing to the special bonding mechanism used in production. It enables the production of