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## **South Pole Group wins a record five categories in Environmental Finance's 2017 Market Awards**

Global sustainability solutions provider takes home biggest win yet in prestigious peer-voted market rankings

**Zurich, Switzerland; London, United Kingdom; 26 September, 2017 - South Pole Group has won a record-breaking five categories in the 2017 Environmental Finance Voluntary Carbon Market Rankings.** The company has now received the title **Best Project Developer – overall** six times out of eight since the ranking was conceived in 2010. In addition to this, South Pole Group has secured **Best Trading Company** and **Best Project Developer – Renewable Energy** for the fourth year running. This prestigious peer-voted industry ranking has also awarded South Pole Group the titles **Best Project Developer – forestry and land-use** and **Best Offset Retailer** to reaffirm the Zurich-based company as a leader in climate change adaptation and mitigation.

*“Year after year, it is very rewarding to see our hard work and dedication honoured and appreciated by the market”, says **Renat Heuberger, CEO at South Pole Group.** “We take pride in winning these awards. For us, it is further motivation to continue to strive for excellence – for the benefit of our valuable partners and our esteemed clients, as well as for the environment.”*

These awards mark another milestone in an eventful year for this global sustainability solutions provider. With the integration of the carbon and renewables business of its subsidiary Climate Friendly, South Pole Group [launched the penguin brand in Australia](#). In June this year, it successfully [completed a business incubation cycle by selling its subsidiary](#) “Climate Neutral Investments”, a venture which pioneered the field of investment carbon footprinting.

Now, the company is poised to launch its extended range of services & data solutions with a strong focus on enhancing readiness for the [Task Force on Climate-Related Financial Disclosure](#) (TCFD) and compliance for corporates and investors. This includes global renewable energy solutions, land use and water, climate risk assessments, standards, targets and sustainability reporting, as well as public advisory.

*“These are exciting times,” says **Marco Magini, Director of Project Portfolio Management, South Pole Group.** “Public and private climate change action is accelerating. The understanding of the risks and opportunities associated with this change is increasing. South*

*Pole Group is well prepared to empower market actors on the transition to a low-carbon and climate-resilient economy.”*

With over a decade of developing environmental commodities such as carbon credits and renewable energy credits and with over 500 climate projects under its belt, South Pole Group looks ahead: the company’s global team has been further strengthened by recent hires of seasoned sustainability experts, ensuring that its sustainability solutions continue to create value for its clients while benefiting the environment.

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#### **About South Pole Group**

**South Pole Group** is a global sustainability solutions provider with operations in 16 offices around the globe. We’ve been proud to work with a wide range of public, private and civil society organisations for over a decade. Our expertise covers project and technology finance, data and advisory on sustainability risks and opportunities, as well as the development of environmental commodities such as carbon credits or renewable energy credits. South Pole Group has developed and provided climate-finance to over 500 projects in emission reduction, renewable energy, energy efficiency and sustainable land-use.

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