

South Pole recognised for continuous leadership in voluntary carbon market

Sustainability solutions provider wins four categories in Environmental Finance's 2018 Voluntary Carbon Market Rankings

Zurich, Switzerland, 4 September, 2018 - True to its roots as the world's leading climate action project developer, **South Pole** has been once again recognised for its results-based initiatives and for delivering sustainable impacts on the ground, benefiting some of the most impoverished regions and endangered ecosystems of the planet.

The global sustainability solutions provider has won a total of four categories in the prestigious peer-voted **2018 Environmental Finance Voluntary Carbon Market Rankings**:

- **Best Project Developer – overall** and **Best Trading Company** for the eighth year running,
- **Best Project Developer – Renewable Energy** for the fifth year running
- and **Best Project Developer – forestry and land-use** for the second year running

South Pole was also recognised as runner up in the categories of **Best Broker**, **Best Project Developer energy efficiency** and **Best Offset Retailer**.

"In the aftermath of an unprecedented heat wave in the Northern Hemisphere, discourse on climate change is finally entering the mainstream. These awards inspire us to carry on delivering real climate action for the benefit of our valued clients and partners, as well as for the climate," says **Renat Heuberger, CEO, South Pole**.

The Environmental Finance awards represent another milestone for South Pole, with 2017 marking the company's most successful year in terms of sales to the voluntary market, counting a 25% growth in sales volume. This was boosted by a spark in demand for premium carbon credits from the company's U.S client base. Their actions were motivated by the leadership void on American climate ambition in the wake of President Trump's withdrawal from the Paris Agreement. As part of its commitment to support and quantify impacts related to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), South Pole's two renewable energy projects in Southeast Asia are among the first to achieve certification from the Gold Standard for the Global Goals (GS4GG).

"Carrying out necessary emission reductions is no longer about fulfilling technical reporting requirements, but a crucial part of overall strategy - delivering sustainable development benefits, such as access to education and women empowerment, alongside ambitious climate action," says **Marco Magini, Director of Project Portfolio Management, South Pole**. *"We are proud to serve our clients with the most robust and advanced methodologies to assess the contributions our projects make towards the UN SDGs. This diligent impact monitoring is possible thanks to our local presence and close proximity to projects."*

The company is poised to launch a number of turnkey high impact community-based projects along key agricultural supply chains including cocoa, palm oil and horticulture with major consumer goods companies.

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- More about South Pole's **services to voluntary carbon market players** [here](#)

About South Pole

South Pole is a leading provider of global sustainability financing solutions and services, with over 250 experts in 18 global offices. For more than a decade, South Pole has worked with a wide range of public, private and civil sector organisations to accelerate the transition to a climate-smart society. The company's 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 and renewable energy credits. South Pole has mobilised climate-finance to over 700 projects in emission reduction, renewable energy, energy efficiency and sustainable land-use, taking action today for a better tomorrow. For more information, visit southpole.com or follow the company [@southpoleglobal](https://twitter.com/southpoleglobal).