

Press-release

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Umicore wins European investor relations award

On 11 October Umicore was awarded the prize of *Best Investor Relations* at the *IR Magazine Continental Europe Awards* in Paris, France. Umicore received this award in the category of the *Non-FT Global 250 Company* group and the prize was shared with Dutch semiconductor company ASML. The awards are based on an independent poll of more than 500 investors and analysts covering a wide range of criteria including quality and consistency of financial information, access to management and transparency.

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Umicore profile

Umicore is a materials technology group. Its activities are centred on four business areas: Advanced Materials, Precious Metals Products and Catalysts, Precious Metals Services and Zinc Specialties. Each business area is divided into market-focused business units.

Umicore focuses on application areas where it knows its expertise in materials science, chemistry and metallurgy can make a real difference, be it in products that are essential to everyday life or those at the cutting edge of new technological developments. Umicore's overriding goal of sustainable value creation is based on this ambition to develop, produce and recycle materials in a way that fulfils its mission: materials for a better life.

The Umicore Group has industrial operations on all continents and serves a global customer base; it generated a turnover of €8.2 billion (€1.7 billion excluding metal) in 2006 and currently employs some 14,000 people.