

The logo features a circular burst of white dots of varying sizes, creating a sunburst or starburst effect. The word "Commodities" is written in a large, bold, white sans-serif font, with the "C" partially overlapping the dot pattern. Below it, the words "INNOVATION" and "AWARDS" are stacked in a smaller, bold, white sans-serif font.

Commodities INNOVATION AWARDS

Regulations and Participation Guidelines

Regulations

Article 1 – Introduction

Co-created by Ampersand World SA and Bilan magazine, the Commodities Innovation Awards are organized by the consulting firm and the economic magazine of TX Group. The awards take a comprehensive look at innovations in the commodities trading industry implemented in the past 5 years.

Applications are reviewed by a jury of professionals who are active and recognized within the industry. These professionals represent various sectors of the industry and a wide range of professions. The jury evaluates projects based on different criteria to select a winner for each category, who will receive a Commodities Innovation Awards during the ceremony.

The 2026 edition of the Commodities Innovation Awards will recognize companies and/or individuals linked to the sector. The jury reserves the right to exclude any application that does not have a direct connection to commodities trading.

Article 2 – Purpose

The Commodities Innovation Awards are an excellence competition that recognizes outstanding innovations in various categories, based on multiple evaluation criteria.

Article 3 – Competition Process

Participants submit their applications for a project (product or service) implemented in the past 5 years. Applications must be submitted by the deadline specified in the participation guidelines (May 29, 2026).

The jury meets as many as times as necessary to deliberate on the received applications. It may contact company representatives for further clarifications.

Finalists and category winners will be announced at an official ceremony on October 27, 2026.

Article 4 – Winners and Awards Ceremony

The Commodities Innovation Awards winners gain significant visibility:

- Among industry professionals (publications within the SuisseNégoce network—an umbrella organization for major industry players—on the Ampersand World SA website and publications, and in Bilan magazine, which reaches approximately 200,000 readers per month).
- Presentation of winning projects in the Commodities Innovation Awards special supplement of Bilan magazine.
- Highlighting on an interactive mini-site hosted on bilan.ch, as well as across Bilan’s various channels (print and digital, including video interviews with the winners).
- Publication through Ampersand World’s communication channels (website, newsletter, and social media).

The official ceremony gathers companies participating in the Commodities Innovation Awards along with industry professionals. A cocktail reception follows the ceremony.

Candidates who have submitted a project are invited to the ceremony and receive three tickets per submitted project. Each project must be represented at the ceremony by at least one representative listed in the application form.

Representatives grant organizers the rights to photographs taken during the awards ceremony.

Article 5 – Award Categories

All products or services completed and implemented in the past 5 years, are eligible for the competition. Awards are granted per category.

Applicants may submit their project in a maximum of two categories. If applying in two categories, they must indicate a primary (first choice) and a secondary (second choice) category. This distinction helps the jury's evaluation committee manage the distribution of projects and, if necessary, rebalance submissions between categories during the evaluation process.

Depending on the number and type of projects received, the jury reserves the right to merge several applications and/or create new categories. It may also move a project to a different category deemed more suitable and evaluate it based on that category's criteria.

A "Jury's Choice Award" will be granted among all submitted applications.

Only one winner per category will be selected. The number of awards may vary depending on the number of retained categories.

Award categories for 2026:

- **Market & Trading Innovation**
Rewards disruptive trading models, digital marketplaces, and new pricing strategies that transform the commodities markets.
- **Supply Chain & Logistics Innovation**
Highlights innovations in traceability, logistics optimization, and the reduction of carbon footprints in supply chains.
- **Technological Innovation**
Rewards products or services that revolutionize the exploration, extraction, processing, and distribution of commodities through technological advancements.
- **Financing Innovation**
Recognizes innovative financial strategies that optimize access to capital, risk management, and the fluidity of transactions in the commodities industry.
- **Innovative Partnership**
Rewards strategic collaborations between an industry player and an external partner (startup, academia, supplier, institution) that create value through innovative approaches.
- **Governance Innovation**
Honors companies and organizations that adopt exemplary governance practices, enhancing transparency, ethics, and accountability in their operations.
- **Sustainability Innovation**
Recognizes initiatives that integrate sustainability, circular economy, and responsible practices into the trading and management of commodities.
- **Shipping Innovation**
Celebrates innovations that transform maritime and inland shipping by optimizing efficiency, sustainability, and resilience in the face of global challenges.

Article 6 – Application Files

Application files must be written in French or English and comply with the instructions outlined in the participation guidelines. Completeness of applications will be considered. The organizers reserve the right to contact applicants to request additional information.

Article 7 – Number of Eligible Projects

The number of applications per company is unlimited, provided each project meets the criteria outlined in these regulations.

Article 8 – Competition Object

If a product or service innovation involves multiple companies, the company submitting the application must inform its partners and obtain their consent. If multiple companies submit the same project, they must agree on which company will present it. If no agreement is reached, the organizers reserve the right to retain the first received application and reject the others.

In any case, the organizers will not be held responsible for conflicts between companies. Each project may only be submitted once. A compliance and feasibility check will be carried out for selected projects. Any project subject to a major dispute will be automatically disqualified.

Article 9 – Jury Mission and Composition

The jury consists of professionals selected by Ampersand World SA and Bilan, who are active and recognized within the commodities industry. These professionals represent various sectors and a wide range of professions.

The jury's mission is to evaluate applications based on assessment criteria, nominate projects, and designate a winner for each category. If necessary, the jury reserves the right to request additional information on the submitted project. Jury decisions are final and require no justification. In the event of a conflict of interest, jury members must recuse themselves from evaluating the relevant project.

The jury for 2026 consists of:

- Jean-Paul Vulli  ty, President of the Jury | Director of the Master's in Commodities, UNIGE
- Thierry Aubertin, Lecturer at the Institute of Management, UNIGE; Former Managing Partner for the industry line "Energy, Resources and Industrial Products" at Deloitte
- Olivier Calvar, Head of EMEA at Vosbor Exchange | Former Director Europe at Viterra
- Fr  d  rique Delahaye, CEO of Chonova AG | Former General Manager at Alver
- Vincent Maitre, Lawyer, National Council
- Pauline Zahlaoui, Former Commercial Director of the Geneva Chamber of Commerce and Industry, CCIG
- Christophe Salmon, Private investor and advisor | Former CFO Trafigura
- William Dujardin, Non-Executive Board Member and Advisor | Former Agri & Foods Industries CEO
- Zo   Falquet, Sustainability Director at International Petroleum Corporation
- Muriel Schwab, Managing Partner and Senior Advisor at Blue Oak | Former Group CFO at Gunvor
- Roger Kamgaing, Founder Time SA | Former Executive President SGS
- Michael Kleiner, Economic Affairs Officer, Cantonal office for Economic Affairs and Innovation (OCEI) of the Canton of Geneva
- Michael Sebag, Fertilizer and Agricultural Markets Expert, Orcom

Article 10 – Personality of the Year Award

In addition to the category awards, the jury will select an individual who has made a significant impact on the sector in 2025. This category is not linked to submitted applications, and no nominations will be accepted for it.

Article 11 – Complaints

Participation in and selection for the Commodities Innovation Awards implies full acceptance of these competition regulations and the participation guidelines.

Participation Guidelines

To ensure the best possible selection and evaluation of projects, we kindly ask you to submit a complete application file while strictly adhering to the guidelines below.

1. Application File Content

The following elements must be included in the "Presentation" section of the form to provide a clear and concise overview of the project (maximum 1,500 characters per response):

- 1. Briefly present your company and the context of the submitted project.**
(Who are you, and what industry problem have you identified?)
- 2. Describe the proposed innovative solution.**
(What are its differentiating features, technology or approach, and stage of development?)
- 3. What is the tangible impact of this innovation?**
(Provide observable results, key indicators, and the added value generated.)
- 4. How is your project relevant to the evolution of the sector?**
(Link with market trends, potential for replication, key partnerships, long-term vision.)

Each application must be supported by key and tangible data demonstrating the project's impact. A more detailed document presenting these aspects may also be attached for jury review.

2. Annexes That May Be Attached to the Application

1. Photos and Illustrations

Each application must include the image of the company's official logo and an illustration of the project.

Images must be high-quality (minimum 300 dpi) and in PNG or JPEG format.

Applicants agree that the submitted photos may be published in:

- The Commodities Innovation Awards supplement of Bilan magazine.
- The websites and publications of Bilan and Ampersand World.
- The social media channels of the organizers.
- The Awards' ceremony.

The organizers reserve the right to request additional or higher-quality photos. Please indicate the copyright holder of the submitted images and avoid sending computer-generated images.

2. Videos

If possible, please submit project videos (MP4 format, max. 2 minutes). The videos should be explanatory and provide a better understanding of the project.

3. Supporting Documents

Any additional documents can be submitted electronically via a file transfer service (e.g., WeTransfer, SwissTransfer) to the following email address:
cia.submissions@ampersandworld.ch

3. Application Deadline

The deadline for submitting applications is Friday, May 29, 2026, at 5:00 PM.