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Jury commends property in Waddinxveen in the Netherlands for its focus on sustainability and employee well-being

Logistics property developer and investor Montea has received the Logistics Award from real estate magazine PropertyNL. Montea won the award alongside its client, specialist in on-the-go consumption Lekkerland, for the distribution center it built and delivered in Waddinxveen last year. The jury at the PropertyNL Awards praised the property for its sustainable and innovative design, as well as its employee-friendly approach. They also commended the close collaboration between Lekkerland, Montea and construction partner Remmers.



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The PropertyNL Awards were presented at the Zuiderkerk church in Amsterdam on Thursday. PropertyNL uses the ceremony as a counterpoint to the ongoing debate over the visual impact of logistics properties. Every year, the company presents an award to a developer-end user collaboration. The magazine uses this opportunity to draw attention to the high levels of ingenuity, sustainability and innovation within the logistics real estate sector.

'Proud of our joint achievement'

"We are extremely proud that what we have achieved by working closely together has been highlighted by the jury as a leading example for our industry," says Montea's country director for the Netherlands, Hylcke Okkinga. "We work hard every day not only to maximize, but also to future-proof value for both our end users and shareholders." Co-director Cedric Montanus added: "The criticism our sector faces is mostly unjustified, and it is fantastic to see our work being held up as a shining example. This award strengthens our conviction that we are on the right track and inspires us to keep pushing for more."

The award-winning Lekkerland distribution center in Waddinxveen was delivered in September by Montea and Remmers Bouwgroep. The 50,000 m² property is fitted with one of the most efficient cooling systems in the Netherlands. Lekkerland was closely involved in the development process to ensure the end product was right for them. The gas-free building has been designed to capture rainwater from the roof and reuse it in the local area. This innovative cooling system was designed using the box-in-box principle, meaning it will be relatively easy to adapt the building for future occupiers. Waste heat from the refrigeration motor is reused to prevent the cold store floors from freezing and ensure they remain walkable. Large windows are also a key feature, flooding the property with natural light. This, combined with the light tones used throughout ensures the distribution center offers a pleasant working environment for everyone.

An expert jury

The long list of candidates was compiled using PropertyNL's own coverage and additional input from its readers. These candidates were then shortlisted by an expert jury, including engineer and researcher Merten Nefs (Erasmus University Rotterdam) and renowned consultant René Buck. The other candidates to make the shortlist were Aberdeen/Albert Heijn, CTP/Growy and Necron/Bausch Lomb and JAS Forwarding.



Left to right: Cedric Montanus and Hylcke Okkinga (country directors, Montea Netherlands), John van den Berg (operations manager, Lekkerland Netherlands), Hendrik Metz (logistics support manager, Lekkerland Netherlands) and Pieter Remmers (director and owner, Remmers Bouwgroep) at the Lekkerland DC in Waddinxveen.

ABOUT MONTEA “SPACE FOR GROWTH”

Montea NV is a listed real estate company under Belgian law (GVV/SIR) that specializes in logistics property in Belgium, the Netherlands, France, and Germany. The company is a leading player in this market. Montea offers its clients the space they need to grow, providing versatile and innovative property solutions, allowing Montea to create value for its shareholders. At September 30, 2024 the property portfolio comprises a total lettable area of 2,026,463 m², spread across 99 locations. Montea NV has been listed on Euronext Brussels (MONT) and Euronext Paris (MONTP) since the end of 2006.

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