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Asia-Pacific companies lead global sustainability rankings as region powers the world's clean-energy transition

Corporate Knights' Inaugural Asia Pacific 50 ranking highlights regional leadership in sustainable business

TORONTO, March 4th, 2026 – Corporate Knights today released its inaugural **Asia Pacific 50 Most Sustainable Corporations** ranking, spotlighting the companies across the Asia-Pacific region leading the transition to a cleaner, more sustainable global economy.

The ranking identifies the highest-performing companies on sustainable revenue and investment using the same methodology applied in the 2026 Global 100. To determine the ranking, Corporate Knights analyzed 4,219 publicly listed companies headquartered across Asia-Pacific with more than US\$1 billion in annual revenue, benchmarking each against global industry peers across 64 Corporate Knights Peer Groups.

“Asia-Pacific is home to some of the world’s most dynamic sustainable businesses – from electric vehicle innovators in China to renewable-energy leaders in India, New Zealand and Taiwan,” says **Toby Heaps**, publisher and CEO of Corporate Knights. “These companies demonstrate that sustainability leadership and long-term value creation go hand in hand and that the Asia-Pacific region is a powerhouse in the global energy transition.”

A region at the forefront of the global clean-energy transition

Asia-Pacific accounts for the majority of the world’s new renewable-energy capacity, EV production and battery manufacturing. From China’s rapidly expanding electric vehicle ecosystem and green finance sector to India’s surging wind-energy industry, New Zealand’s

hydroelectric leadership, and Taiwan’s high-speed rail excellence, the region’s companies are defining the front lines of the global sustainability agenda.

As **Michael Yow**, Corporate Knights’ director of ratings and rankings, notes, “The average sustainable revenue among the 50 companies on the Asia Pacific 50 ranking was 65.5%. By comparison, the iShares Asia 50 ETF, which tracks the S&P Asia 50 Index, had an average sustainable revenue of only 3.8%. This disparity suggests that investors using conventional large-cap benchmarks may be significantly underexposed to companies generating revenue from sustainable economic activities, despite the growing materiality of sustainability-related risks and opportunities among Asian companies.”

The Asia Pacific 50: Top 10 corporate sustainability leaders

The inaugural Asia Pacific 50 recognizes 50 companies across the region. The top 10 are:

- **Taiwan High Speed Rail Corporation.** *100% sustainable revenue through operation of high-speed all-electric rail lines; consistent top-five finisher in the Global 100 for multiple consecutive years.*
- **Beijing Energy International Holding Co. Ltd.** *Pure-play renewable power generation with high sustainable revenue and investment, rapidly expanding wind and solar capacity across Asia.*
- **Suzlon Energy Ltd.** *India’s leading wind-energy solutions provider with strong sustainable revenue momentum and large-scale clean-energy installations.*
- **Meridian Energy Ltd.** *New Zealand’s largest renewable electricity generator, producing hydro and wind power with near-100% clean energy output.*
- **Sungrow Power Supply Co. Ltd.** *Global leader in solar inverters and energy storage systems, driving the clean-energy revolution with rapidly growing sustainable revenues.*
- **GEM Co. Ltd.** *Pioneer in circular-economy battery materials recycling and resource recovery, converting waste into high-value sustainable materials.*
- **Xinyi Solar Holdings Ltd.** *World’s largest solar glass manufacturer, enabling clean-energy generation with near-total sustainable revenue.*
- **XPeng Inc.** *Chinese EV innovator with 100% sustainable revenue, expanding AI-driven smart driving capabilities and global market presence.*
- **Brambles Ltd.** *Circular “share and reuse” pooling model for pallets and containers operating in more than 60 countries, helping to eliminate waste and reduce deforestation.*
- **Li Auto Inc.** *Pioneer in extended-range electric vehicles with high sustainable revenue momentum, expanding into pure battery-electric vehicle production.*

These companies span electric vehicles, renewable energy, renewable-energy supply chain, circular economy, rail transportation, banking and finance – the sectors central to Asia-Pacific’s leadership in the global sustainability transition.

Why Taiwan High Speed Rail Corporation tops the Asia Pacific 50

Taiwan High Speed Rail Corporation (THSRC) claimed the top spot with a score of 96.7% – the highest in the ranking – driven by 100% sustainable revenue and 100% sustainable investment. THSRC operates high-speed all-electric rail lines whose inherently low-carbon business model qualifies virtually all revenue and capital expenditure as sustainable under the Corporate Knights methodology.

THSRC is no stranger to Corporate Knights’ rankings. It has appeared on the Global 100 for multiple consecutive years, reaching fourth place globally in 2024 and fifth in 2025, and it ranked first in the transportation infrastructure sector last year. From 2022 to 2024, THSRC’s sustainable revenues grew from TWD 37 billion to TWD 53 billion.

Methodology and key indicators

The Asia Pacific 50 applies the same core framework as the 2026 Global 100, built around three primary indicators:

- **Sustainable revenue:** The percentage of a company’s total revenue derived from products and services that deliver measurable environmental and social benefits, as defined in the Corporate Knights Sustainable Economy Taxonomy.
- **Sustainable investment:** The percentage of total capital expenditures, business acquisitions and R&D spending directed toward sustainable business activities.
- **Sustainable revenue momentum:** The rate of growth of sustainable revenues over the past three years.

Companies are benchmarked against industry peers and can earn a bonus of up to 5% for linking CEO pay to sustainability targets, and can face deductions of up to 5% each for legal sanctions and workplace fatalities.

More information on the methodology is available at: corporateknights.com/resources/corporate-knights-ranking-methodology-resources

About Corporate Knights

Corporate Knights is a media and research company committed to advancing a sustainable economy. For more than 20 years, its rankings and research – including the Global 100 and regional rankings – have set the global benchmark for corporate sustainability performance.

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