

Beneq is Winner of the 2011 Red Herring Top 100 Europe award

Beneq has been chosen a Winner of Red Herring's Top 100 Europe prize, an award in recognition of the leading private companies from Europe, celebrating these startups' innovations and technologies across their respective industries.

Red Herring's Top 100 Europe list has become a mark of distinction for identifying promising new companies and entrepreneurs. Red Herring editors were among the first to recognize that companies such as Facebook, Twitter, Google, Yahoo, Skype, YouTube, and eBay would change the way we live and work.

"Choosing the companies with the strongest potential was by no means a small feat," said Alex Vieux, publisher and CEO of Red Herring. "After rigorous contemplation and discussion, we narrowed our list down from hundreds of candidates from across Europe to the Top 100 Winners. We believe Beneq embodies the vision, drive and innovation that define a successful entrepreneurial venture. Beneq should be proud of its accomplishment, as the competition was very strong."

Mr Sampo Ahonen, Beneq CEO, comments: "To rise from Finalist to Winner in Red Herring's challenge is an honor we acknowledge and value highly. My personal thanks for having achieved this award of recognition go to everyone at Beneq, our partners and our customers, all of which bear a critical role in building success and profit for our business.

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