

Intelligent CEO Jonas Dhaenens crowned ICT Personality of the Year

On 12 May, the Belgian IT magazine Data News announced that Jonas Dhaenens, the CEO of Intelligent, was crowned ICT Personality of the Year. He is the youngest-ever winner of the title and won it against CEOs of Belgium's largest companies.



Every year, the Belgian IT magazine Data News hands out 14 awards in different categories to **outstanding Belgian companies**, for their excellent performance. And only one special prize, the [“ICT Personality of the Year” award](#), is handed out every year to an **exceptional entrepreneur** who has made a significant contribution to the Belgian IT sector.

During the gala dinner that was held on 12 May, Jonas Dhaenens, the CEO of Intelligent, won this title as **the youngest-ever winner**.

It is truly an honour to be recognised as [Data News ICT Personality of the Year](#) among other big names from the world of IT. For this prestigious title, Jonas had many **CEOs of large and renowned companies as opponents**, like Dominique Leroy of Proximus, John Porter of Telenet or Pieterjan Bouten of Showpad.

Combell also won the **Data Center Award for Excellence**.

Jonas Dhaenens, IT entrepreneur at heart

Back when he was only twelve, he already wanted to be an **entrepreneur**, and on his sixteenth birthday, he had already come up with the name of his future company: Combell. At that time, Jonas did not really know what his company would become, but he wanted it to be “something that relates to computers”, and to “Belgium”. And, as a young teenager, with the reward that he received from his father for his excellent school grades, he registered **his own domain name**.

Seventeen years later, Jonas runs a **well-balanced, diversified hosting group**. Intelligent, whose portfolio includes brands like Combell and Sentia, is active in Belgium and the Netherlands. The group currently employs **almost 350 staff** and had a **turnover of 59 million euros in 2015**.

Please visit [Combell's blog](#) for further information about Jonas.

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ABOUT INTELLIGENT

Intelligent is een bedrijvengroep die actief is op twee domeinen: hostingdiensten voor SME's en Large Enterprises. De SME-tak van de groep heeft vertrouwde merken zoals Combell, Register, Easyhost, Flexmail en Stone IS. Voor Large Enterprises biedt het producten en diensten aan onder de naam Sentia en ReasonNet.

Intelligent is de absolute marktleider in de BeNeLux in hostingdiensten. Van domeinnamen, klassieke webhosting en e-maildiensten biedt het eveneens cloudservers en complexe hosting op maat en outsourcing aan, voor grote en internationale bedrijven.

De groep heeft meer dan 300 experts in dienst die werken op verschillende locaties in Gent (BE), Brussel (BE), Hasselt (BE), Genk (BE), Nieuwegein (NL), Barendrecht (NL) en Amsterdam (NL). De geconsolideerde omzet voor 2015 bedroeg 59 miljoen euro. De groep verwacht de komende jaren verder sterk te groeien zowel organisch als door overnames dankzij haar Buy & Build strategie. De groep gelooft rotsvast in diepe productkennis en staat voor kwaliteit en vertrouwen.

Intelligent is a group of companies that operate in two sectors: hosting services for SMEs and for large enterprises. The SME branch of the group includes trusted brands such as Combell, Register, Easyhost, Flexmail and Stone IS. For large enterprises, the group provides products and services under the names Sentia and ReasonNet.

Intelligent is the absolute market leader in hosting services in the Benelux. Services include domain names, regular web hosting and e-mail services, but also cloud servers and tailored complex hosting and outsourcing solutions, for large and international companies.

The group employs more than 300 experts who work from different locations in Ghent (BE), Brussels (BE), Hasselt (BE), Genk (BE), Nieuwegein (NL), Barendrecht (NL) and Amsterdam (NL). Its consolidated turnover for 2015 was 59 million euros. Over the coming years, the group intends to continue to grow, both organically and through acquisitions, thanks to its Buy & Build strategy. The group strongly believes in deep product knowledge and stands for quality and trust.

Intelligent est un groupe d'entreprises actives dans deux domaines : services d'hébergement pour PME et pour grandes entreprises. La branche PME du groupe inclut des marques de confiance telles que Combell, Register, Easyhost, Flexmail et Stone IS. Pour les grandes entreprises, le groupe fournit des produits et services sous les marques Sentia et ReasonNet.

Intelligent est le leader absolu du marché des services d'hébergement dans le Benelux. Outre les noms de domaines, l'hébergement web traditionnel et les services e-mail, le groupe propose aussi des serveurs cloud et des solutions d'hébergement et d'externalisation complexes, adaptées aux besoins de grandes entreprises internationales.

Le groupe emploie plus de 300 experts qui travaillent depuis différents endroits : Gand (BE), Bruxelles (BE), Hasselt (BE), Genk (BE), Nieuwegein (NL), Barendrecht (NL) et Amsterdam (NL). Pour 2015, son chiffre d'affaires consolidé était 59 millions d'euros. Pour les années à venir, le groupe entend poursuivre une forte croissance, tant organique que par le biais d'acquisitions grâce à sa stratégie Buy & Build. Le groupe mise tout

sur une connaissance approfondie des produits et est synonyme de qualité et confiance.

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