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Recycling makes it to the rostrum

Wiederkehr Recycling AG came in third in the finals for the [Entrepreneurial Award for Northern Switzerland](#). The Entrepreneurial Award for Northern Switzerland is awarded by the Swiss Venture Club and goes to small and medium-size companies, which successfully stand their ground in the market with independence and innovativeness.

There was a choice of 71 companies, six of which made it into the finals, among them Wiederkehr Recycling AG. In the final round for the top-class award they advanced up to rank No. 3.

The Entrepreneurial Award for Northern Switzerland is an initiative of the Swiss Venture Club. In 2007, the prize was awarded for the third time. The Swiss Venture Club awards this prize countrywide in seven economic regions. The jury consist of top-class personalities from economy and administration plus the Cantonal Councillors Roland

Brogli (Canton Aargau), Ralph Lewin (Canton Basel-Stadt), as well as Simon Schmid, the delegate for economic matters of the Canton Basel-Landschaft.

On 27 November, at the Congress Centre Basel, the six finalists were presented, and finally the ranking was announced. First came the fashion company Tally Weijl, Basel, second Skan AG, Allschwil, which produces sterile production plants for the pharmaceuticals industry. Wiederkehr Recycling AG came in third. To ranks 4 to 6 made it Bron Elektronik AG,

Allschwil, Mammut Sports Group, Seon, and Nanosurf AG, Liestal.

Peter Wiederkehr, CEO: «Of course I am proud that our company made it to such a great rank. But I also see it as an honour for the recycling sector as a whole, because the award means, that meanwhile recycling has been acknowledged among opinion leaders as a key industry for a sustainable further development of our economy.»

Read a comment of the President of the Administrative Board Dr. Jürg Pilgrim on page 2.



The winners of the Entrepreneurial Award for Northern Switzerland: the six top companies 2007 in the region. Among them Wiederkehr Recycling AG, represented by Peter Wiederkehr (fourth from the right).



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Appearance in front of a great audience: at the award event of 27 November, all finalists were presented. For further information, see swiss-venture-club.ch

A pioneer time and again: From a local waste disposal company to an international cyclier

Milestones in the Wiederkehr company history

1959 Foundation of the company by Xaver Wiederkehr.
1965 First scrap-baling press.
 1971 First shredder plant in Switzerland.
1978 AVO Schwarzenbach included into the company, second shredder plant.
1987 First sink-float plant in Switzerland.
1993 Acquisition of SMV in Lauchringen (D), first step towards internationalisation.
1996 First separation plant for non-ferrous metals/plastics in Switzerland.
2005 Expansion to China with the foundation and

commissioning of Swiss Chinese Metal Resources Ltd.
2006 Technology step: improved breakdown of non-ferrous metals by X-ray technology.
2006 Acquisition of an East-German company with sophisticated separation technology for non-ferrous metals and plastics.
2007 Foundation of a subsidiary in Japan for the marketing of RESH processing concepts.
2007 Start of the pilot operation for RESH processing.

A pleasing honour

Dr. Jürg Pilgrim, President of the Administrative Board of Wiederkehr Recycling AG



Wiederkehr Recycling AG as one of six finalists in the most important beauty contest among top companies of Northern Switzerland – what an honour. And then an excellent third rank on top of that. First of all, I would like to congratulate the team achieving this, the management under the direction of Peter Wiederkehr, as well as all our employees in the plant, in logistics, in administration, and in sales – in Waltenschwil as well as in our companies in Switzerland and abroad. Only overall achievements inspired by team spirit carry a company that far up. I also consider this award as significant for our sector as a whole. Our ancestors were called rag-pickers. Today, the best in the industry are considered deserving high-tech companies. Isn't that something!