



Press release

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## **JEC GROUP DEVELOPS THE INNOVATION CAPABILITIES OF STARTUPS THE THREE WINNERS OF THE STARTUP BOOSTER COMPETITION UNVEILED AT JEC WORLD 2019**

**JEC WORLD 2019** - Since this morning, JEC World 2019 has been in full swing, turning Paris into the composites capital of the world.

*"JEC World is THE place to promote innovation, foster networking and showcase the potential of composites to all industries. Among our actions, we are developing the innovation capabilities of startups with the Startup Booster programme,"* explains Anne-Carole Barbarin, JEC Group Programs Director.

As well as dozens of conferences, composites circles and live demos, plus hundreds of other events, the first day of the show was marked by the announcement of the three winners of the largest international startup competition in the composites field!

In the last three years, 270 projects have been picked out from over 30 countries, with 30 finalists and a total of nine winners.

### **THREE WINNERS**

In the morning, the ten finalists selected from 120 entries pitched to an international jury. The pitch session opened with an inspiring speech by Enrico Palermo, President of The Spaceship Company. He introduced the next generation of reusable space vehicles and their impact on costs, safety and the environment during the launch into space.

The programme incited enthusiasm from Peter Hopwood, founder of Hopwood Communications, who encouraged the finalists to develop their stage presence and galvanise their pitches.

At the afternoon's award ceremony, three competitors were selected for the following prizes:

#### **AIRGO DESIGN (Singapore)**

World's first full composite economy class passenger seat developer.

[www.airgodesign.com](http://www.airgodesign.com)

#### **AREVO (USA)**

Delivering the future of composite manufacturing today through breakthrough advancements in software, materials, and robotics. Through enabling the 3D printing of large, mass-produced parts and structures, AREVO is revolutionizing mainstream manufacturing and the global supply chain.

[www.arevo.com](http://www.arevo.com)

#### **WOODOO (France)**

Augmented wood.

<https://woodoo.fr/>

#### **The public vote: LAVOISIER COMPOSITES (France)**

New generation of material entirely sourced from the French aerospace transformation sector.

[www.lavoisier-composites.com](http://www.lavoisier-composites.com)



Startup booster winners

### A COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAMME

**"We would like to thank and congratulate all the startups that were involved, as well as all members of the jury. Industrial startups often offer disruptive innovations in terms of their technologies, business models or applications. This is of interest to manufacturers, who focus on the markets of tomorrow, and helps to accelerate the development of startups,"** explains Anne-Carole Barbarin.

The three laureates will gain not only from heightened visibility among international professionals in the composites field, but also from an acceleration programme, and particularly a stand at the JEC World 2020 exhibition.

**Were you unable to attend the ceremony?  
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[www.jec-world.events](http://www.jec-world.events)

Main innovation partners

**AIRBUS**     **DAIMLER**

Innovation partners



### **About JEC Group**

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