



Inteliām expands its presence in Scandinavia, by awarding its Business & Sustainability rating to HL Group, the leading wholesaler of Automotive spare parts in Finland.

HL Group is the second player among Nordic countries to participate in the Inteliām evaluation process. The company follows a comprehensive development strategy, backed by a well-established certification process, involving both ISO 9001 and 14001 as well as Finnish Safety and Chemicals Agency (Tukes) audits. The company also distinguishes itself for being at the forefront both in technological innovation and environmental initiatives, namely ERP and cataloguing software deployment, alternative energy vehicles, and the monitoring of hazardous wastes, water and CO2 emissions.

The association with inteliām will be very useful for the Group, to continue on the sustainability journey, and measure its progress in key areas of the organisation.

Inteliām is a rating company dedicated to the Automotive Aftermarket. It aims to support long-term profitability and sustainable growth by evaluating 4 main pillars: Sustainability commitments, Corporate processes, Business Expertise and Financial strength, via a standardised rating methodology. The benefits of an Inteliām rating are numerous and include: providing transparency and benchmarks, continuous improvement and a tool for embarking on the sustainability journey. As an independent and international entity, Inteliām has already assessed 20 distribution companies from within the aftermarket industry.

Markku Nikkinen, CEO of HL Group: *"The Inteliām findings are accurate and insightful. Their focus on sustainability does help us plan and accelerate on this important topic. We will definitely do the evaluation again next year, with the goal to reach 100!"*

Antoine Soulier, CEO of Inteliām: *"It was great to cooperate with our first distributor in Finland! HL Group is used to certification processes (ISO 9001, 14001...) as a way to drive progress. I am proud to have been able to provide some insights via external benchmarks and also our focus on sustainability initiatives. Kiitos !"*

About HL Group:

HL Group is a modern technical wholesale dealer in Finland. The firm offers a wide range of high-quality products and international brands in three categories: car spare parts, car paints and accessories and industrial products. Founded in 1942, family based HL Group has over 100 employees in Finland and operates also in China. HL Group is a member of Nexus Automotive International SA and EPTDA (the European Power Transmission Distributors Association).

About Inteliām

INTELIAM is a business and sustainability rating solution dedicated to the global automotive aftermarket sector. Inteliām was created in 2020 with the support of leading industry stakeholders, suppliers and distributors, willing to have a positive impact for the industry. Inteliām is passing the milestone of evaluating companies in more than 20 countries. Inteliām is head-quartered in Lyon, France.

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