



PRESS RELEASE

Gattefossé wins the INPI Trophies 2022 award in the export category

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Yesterday evening, Gattefossé received the INPI Trophies 2022 award, in the Export category, at a ceremony organized at the *Institut de France*. This is a fabulous reward for Gattefossé, which has made innovation a pillar of its growth by conducting a coherent and long-term industrial property strategy.

The INPI Trophies: recognition of French innovation

Created in 1991, [the INPI Trophies](#) [National Institute of Industrial Property] reward emblematic companies of French innovation that stand out for the exemplary nature of their industrial property strategy.

This year, **the Trophies honor fifteen SMEs and start-ups**, which compete in 5 categories: Export, Industry, Responsible Innovation, Partnership Research and Start-up. The jury for the 2022 edition is chaired by Bernard Reybier, Chairman of the Board of Directors of Fermob, the company that won the Trophies in 2013.



Ségolène Moyrand-Gros
Gattefossé Group President

« Intellectual property has always been at the heart of our business. It began over a century ago when my great-grandfather filed our first patents in the 1920s.

Since then, we have developed a structured process that allows us to protect our innovations while sharing our know-how, a very important notion for the company.

Receiving the INPI Trophy today is an honor and a recognition of the efforts made by our research teams over the years. We are happy and proud to reap the benefits of this teamwork ».

An industrial property strategy to protect and perpetuate its ideas

Gattefossé's innovation policy is based on two pillars:

- **Internal research**, carried out at its Saint Priest site (near Lyon) and in its application laboratories in India, China and the United States by engineers and doctors in pharmacy, chemistry and biology.
- **Collaboration** with public or private research centers abroad.

This strategy enables the company **to carry out a wide variety of research topics**, which feeds its portfolio of potential new products and enables it to respond quickly to market needs.



Jean-David Rodier
R&D Director Oleochemistry

« The fields of application of our products concern cosmetics and pharmaceuticals, but the know-how linked to them is varied. This includes chemical synthesis, plant extraction, in-depth analysis, various pharmaceutical dosage forms and many cosmetic formulation.

Our innovation strategy and the patents we file therefore encompass all these areas of expertise. Having a strong industrial property strategy is therefore essential if we are to be well protected. We systematically file patents for all our new ingredients and technologies, after a study of the freedom-to-exploit, and in all the countries that are key to our business. It is important for our customers, as a guarantee of quality and durability of our products ».

To date, Gattefossé **has a patent portfolio of 18 families and 195 trademarks protecting products, manufacturing processes and applications** for its two markets. The patents cover key countries such as France, Germany, the UK, the USA and China.

Innovations in ingredient development

Last April, Gattefossé launched a new natural plant active for the cosmetics industry, **the result of a collaboration** with a research group specializing in the study of the effects of genotoxic stress.

The product was rewarded by the industry at the 2022 in-cosmetics global trade show with the Bronze Innovation Award, in the best ingredient category for cosmetic actives.

Gattefossé was also one of the first suppliers of cosmetic ingredients to **patent a technology based on hydrophilized plant waxes**, a technology that allows it to offer its cosmetic customers textures with unique sensoriality. This innovation has also been recognized by the industry with numerous innovation awards.

In pharmaceuticals, last year Gattefossé developed a new oil phase stabilizing agent in bi-gels, which was selected as a finalist in the «Finished Formulation» category at CPHI Worldwide.



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About Gattefossé

The Gattefossé Group is a community of employees, all driven by a dual mission: the performance of its products and the personalized support of its customers.

Gattefossé develops, manufactures and sells pharmaceutical excipients and cosmetic ingredients of natural origin for the health and beauty industries worldwide, through its 12 affiliated companies and network of global agents and distributors in 80 countries. Specialist in lipid chemistry and plant extraction, Gattefossé offers recognized expertise in formulation using its 4 Technical Centers of Excellence in France, China, India and the United States.

Environmental and social issues have always been part of the culture of this French family business, founded in Lyon in 1880. Today, Gattefossé relies on a purposeful CSR approach to build its innovation and development strategy.

About INPI

In addition to registering and issuing titles (patents, trademarks, designs), the National Institute of Industrial Property, the French Patent and Trademark Office, known as INPI, works to promote economic development by raising awareness and promoting innovation.

The Institute supports all innovators to transform their projects into concrete achievements and their innovations into value. A self-financing public institution attached to the Ministry in charge of industrial property, the INPI plays an active role in the development and implementation of public policies in the field of intellectual property, support for innovation and the competitiveness of companies, as well as the fight against counterfeits.

As the repository of all industrial property titles registered in France and of data from the National Trade and Companies Register, INPI disseminates more than 61.2 million open, free and reusable data.