

Meet the 2022 Packaging Innovation Awards judges



The Packaging
Innovation Awards

Selecting the designs that reflect the very best the packaging industry has to offer is no easy feat. The Packaging Innovation Awards turns to an independent panel of experts from around the world and across the value chain to review every entry and choose the ones to honor at the Silver, Gold, Platinum and Diamond award levels.

David Luttenberger

Global Packaging Director, Mintel



Returning to serve as lead judge for another year, David Luttenberger – a 30-year industry veteran – is known as one of the leading minds in the field. His insights and expertise offer incredible value to stakeholders throughout the value chain and have been featured in pieces by NPR, Forbes and The Wall Street Journal.

Tim Sykes

Brand Director, Packaging Europe



As a passionate advocate and champion for sustainable innovation throughout the value chain – especially when it comes to finding new ways to solve the world's most challenging packaging needs – Tim founded both the Sustainable Packaging Summit and the Sustainability Awards to inspire action and promote the importance of moving the industry toward a more circular tomorrow.

Mauricio Aguilar

Research & Development Director for Products, Sigma Alimentos



Leading sustainable packaging projects as Packaging and Intellectual Property Manager for Sigma has taken Mauricio around the globe over the past 18 years. Mauricio holds degrees in Chemical Engineering, a Master's of Science and a diploma in the Circular Economy.

Gautam Bhattacharjee

Senior Director of Research and Development, Upstream Platform Innovation, China Packaging Organization and Sustainability Leader, P&G



Drawing upon more than 22 years of industry experience, Gautam leads one of the largest packaging innovation organizations in Asia for P&G from their Beijing Innovation Center. He and his team are dedicated to finding sustainable, data-backed solutions for consumer needs in China and the region overall.

Laura Buen Abad

Senior Director of Technology for Global Rigid Paper and Flexible Packaging, Sonoco



With over 20 years international experience in product development and innovation in Mexico, Singapore and the United States, Laura is known for being an engaged leader who looks for opportunities to advance the industry through her involvement in groups within Sonoco and as a board member for the Innovation Research Interchange.

Timothy Cahyadi

Managing Director, Plasindo



Plasindo – one of the leading converters in Indonesia – welcomed Tim into their ranks as a production manager in 2007. The scope of his position has evolved since then and placed the care and management of key areas of company-wide operations under his watch. He now oversees the complete downstream converting process, from pre-press to bag making, at an integrated film-making facility with a team of nearly 1,400 people.

Kay Cooksey

Cryovac Endowed Chair of the Packaging Science Program, Clemson University



The career in academia that brought Dr. Cooksey to the present day began in the 1990s. As a member of the faculty at Clemson University, she leads undergraduate and graduate courses in packaging and innovation for food and healthcare, in addition to research in food and packaging interactions focused on bio-based coatings and sustainable solutions.

David Dombrowski

Research & Development Packing Open Innovation Lead, Haleon



A longtime veteran of the consumer product and packaged goods industry, David leads innovation at Haleon through the lens of what he calls “The Design Pyramid.” At the core of everything he does and the work of his team lies a passion for creating consumer packaging solutions that deliver meaningful, intuitive experiences with empathy.

Ricardo Dunogent

Member of the Board of Directors, IAE Argentina



Ricardo's career has taken him around the world, from his time as a packaging engineer in corporate environments to his present role in academia. As a member of the faculty at the Instituto Argentino del Encase, he draws upon decades of passion and expertise as part of his efforts to equip and invest in the up-and-coming value chain leaders of tomorrow.

Brent Lindberg

Founder & Principal/Head of Curiosity, Fuseneo



From the time he was only 17, Brent Lindberg has worked in nearly every facet of packaging design. From his start in blow molding to founding Fuseneo in 2008, his work has supported major brands and built a powerhouse team that has garnered awards, secured patents and earned a reputation for using creative solutions to overcome the most challenging packaging hurdles.

Hariharan Nair

President of Creativity & Innovations, EPL Limited



The day-to-day work of Hariharan Nair is guided by over two decades of experience in the Indian polymer and packaging industry. His position in leadership with EPL Limited puts him on the forefront of a wide range of initiatives, from conceptualizing and developing new products and processes to facilitating fundamental research on projects centered on sustainability.

Luciana Pellegrino

*Executive Director, ABRE Brazil
Vice President of Marketing, World Packaging Organization*



In her roles at ABRE Brazil and the World Packaging Organization, Luciana's vantage point gives her insight on the potential of what the future of the industry could be and the ability to influence the work involved with turning possibility into reality.

Marzban Thanevala

Vice President of Sustainability & Innovations and Executive Director, Constantia Flexibles



A background in engineering and a firm grasp of the industry built over the course of three decades inform the way Marzan approaches his role with Constantia Flexibles. As a leader in sustainability and innovation, his work is a driving force of progress toward a greener, more circular world.

Kitty Zhang

Chief Scientist and Head of Research & Development, Liby Group



Kitty Zhang has built a formidable R&D team since she joined The Liby Group in 2004, transforming an original staff of 15 into a roster of more than 100 dedicated members. In her role with the company, she oversees the delivery of innovative product development and core research for five key areas of focus, including personal care, home care and insect repellent.