



PRESS RELEASE

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NOVA, Saint-Gobain's External Ventures team, launches new website to strengthen ties with startups

Saint-Gobain continues to work closely with external stakeholders in line with its commitment to open innovation. Since its creation in 2006, NOVA External Ventures has helped the Group's businesses create nearly 80 partnerships with startups, accelerating the innovative capabilities of all involved. Over the last 12 years, more than 3,400 startups have been reviewed and a number of innovation competitions organized worldwide. To strengthen the Group's ties with the global entrepreneurial ecosystem and better identify and rise to future challenges, NOVA has now launched a new website: www.nova-saint-gobain.com.

The site is a showcase for Saint-Gobain's commitment to open innovation. It features updates on NOVA initiatives, including information about new agreements, partnership studies and videos made with partners. It also provides information on the latest tech trends and the entrepreneurial ecosystem in areas in which NOVA is particularly active: digital customer journey, energy efficiency, virtual and augmented reality, sensors and connected objects, multi-comfort, robotics, advanced materials and processing, and life sciences.

The site is a gateway to the Group for potential partners, whether they are startups, entrepreneurs, venture capital or corporate venture capital firms, incubators, accelerators, universities or research centers. "Our new website is a dynamic portal where startups and partners can come to learn more about the opportunities available to them within our vast network of resources so we can work together to build a sustainable future," said Laura Plunkett Lesker, Strategy Director, NOVA.

ABOUT NOVA EXTERNAL VENTURES

Since 2006, NOVA External Ventures seeks to create mutually beneficial partnerships between Saint-Gobain and the global startup community. We connect Saint-Gobain's more than 350 years of manufacturing excellence, materials expertise and deep market

knowledge with disruptive technologies and business models. NOVA focuses on the following areas: digital customer journey, energy efficiency, virtual and augmented reality, sensors and connected objects, multi-comfort, exoskeletons and robotics, advanced materials and processing, and life sciences. The team is located in key global hubs including North America, Europe, and Asia to create opportunities for transformative innovation across the world. Over the last 12 years, NOVA has established partnerships with startups in various stages and in various forms: co-development, commercial agreements, direct investments and joint ventures. www.nova-saint-gobain.com

ABOUT SAINT-GOBAIN

Saint-Gobain designs, manufactures and distributes materials and solutions which are key ingredients in the wellbeing of each of us and the future of all. They can be found everywhere in our living places and our daily life: in buildings, transportation, infrastructure and in many industrial applications. They provide comfort, performance and safety while addressing the challenges of sustainable construction, resource efficiency and climate change.

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Operates in 67 countries

More than 170,000 employees

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