

Schindler about Schindler Global Award

We're Schindler.

Schindler was founded in 1874 in Lucerne, Switzerland, and is today one of the world's leading providers of elevators, escalators, and moving walks. Schindler designs, develops, manufactures, installs, maintains and modernizes elevators, escalators and moving walks. We're also experts in developing innovative technologies and systems that combine our products into urban mobility solutions. The Schindler Group has more than 1,000 branch offices in over 100 countries worldwide, as well as production sites and research and development facilities in the USA, Brazil, Europe, China, and India. Over one billion people use Schindler urban mobility solutions every day.

Why the Schindler Global Award?

The Schindler Global Award is part of our company's commitment to building sustainable urban environments. Since 1874, when we began making our first elevators near Lucerne, Switzerland, we have seen the cities of the world rise and grow – and we have played a large part in helping to build them. In the 20th century we made it possible for buildings – and people – to rise vertically above the earth's surface to heights inconceivable in any earlier age. In the 21st century our cities present a new kind of challenge, as growing urbanization and globalization catalyze environmental, social and other changes. The Schindler Global Award is our effort to respond to the challenges of our current and future cities, by supporting those who will go on to create them: today's students.

Schindler and the City

We make elevators, but we see the city as a skyline of interconnected vertical and horizontal mobility networks. From sky lobbies to train stations, our products help people move freely, safely and comfortably. We feel responsible for pushing forward innovations that support sustainable cities. All of our products are designed with efficient, energy conserving materials and manufacturing. Since 2004 Schindler has been certified to ISO 14001, a global third-party environmental management standard.

When cities seek to integrate their public transportation infrastructure into the urban fabric of the 21st century, we make it happen. When buildings need complex traffic management systems to handle tens of thousands of daily movements by occupants, we have solutions. From the coordinated movements of multiple elevator zones in a skyscraper, to people travelling from home to work and back again, to a family riding up to their apartment from an underground car park, Schindler helps make cities possible.

Elevate or Escalate, Either Way We're Going UP!

Since the launch of the modern-day elevator with Elisha Otis's demonstration of the first mechanical safety system in 1854, our industry has scaled ever-higher heights, carried ever-larger traffic loads and met ever-changing environmental demands. At Schindler, we have always worked closely with architects, planners, developers and aligned industries to design and deliver safe, comfortable, convenient and highly efficient vertical mobility solutions. Schindler

has innovated many times, making elevator travel faster, more sustainable and suitable for more and more complex projects. Destination management was our innovation; it is now becoming the accepted standard for both passenger comfort and building efficiency worldwide. Today, with The PORT Technology and the new myPORT, we still lead the world in elevator innovation.

Vertical Mobility as an Urban Service

We have a legacy of over 140 years of being not only a successful commercial company, but also of providing a vital public transport infrastructure service – the only public transport service in the world that is completely unsubsidized yet free to use around the clock! We take our duty of service very seriously; we see ourselves as an urban service provider to the billion-plus people who use our products every day. Over half of all Schindler employees (there are over 57,000 of us in total) work in installation and maintenance, yet we're about much more than nuts and bolts. One of our latest innovations is a suite of digital apps that help our technicians care for our elevators. We worked with MIT to develop them, and made a movie about it with Apple. These apps help our engineers keep our products working optimally, safely and around the clock. They help to give our customers an instant overview or details about all or any of the elevators or escalators in their real estate portfolio – and they take you where you need to go.

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Be Schindler. Be Elevated.
Schindler Your First Choice.