

# Energy Companies from Around the World Win Honors at S&P Global Energy's 27th Annual Platts Global Energy Awards

*CNBC's Brian Sullivan Emceed as Winners from Australia, Brazil, China, Denmark, India, Singapore, Spain, UAE, UK, and US Were Announced*

NEW YORK, Dec. 11, 2025 /PRNewswire/ -- S&P Global Energy (formerly S&P Global Commodity Insights), the leading global independent provider of data, insights, analysis, and benchmark prices for the commodities and energy expansion markets, tonight honored industry excellence in 21 performance categories and winners from across the globe at the Platts Global Energy Awards gala held at the Casa Cipriani South Street in downtown New York City.

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The Awards program, now in its 27<sup>th</sup> year and often described as the "Oscars" of the energy industry, recognizes corporate and individual innovation, leadership, and performance in the energy and chemicals industries and bestowed honors on energy companies from Australia, Brazil, China, Denmark, India, Singapore, Spain, UAE, UK, and the US. CNBC's Brian Sullivan -- co-anchor of Power Lunch and Asia's US Market Edition, and Senior National Correspondent -- emceed the event, continuing a long history of CNBC guest hosts at the Awards gala.

"Energy is everything, everywhere, and the lifeblood of the world's economy and we're pleased to be recognizing those individuals and companies that are embracing change, utilizing artificial intelligence (AI), innovating and helping steer a course for a sustainable future for generations to come," said **Dave Ernsberger, President, S&P Global Energy**. "Not only do we congratulate tonight's winners but all who were finalists, as well."

Houston-based Cheniere was the evening's triple winner, walking away with **Energy Company of the Year, Chief Executive of the Year** and **Excellence in Energy – LNG** honors, winning praise from the Platts Global Energy Awards panel of independent judges for its impressive operational scale; its 2016 pivot to liquefied natural gas (LNG) exports and subsequent rise to the largest LNG producer in the US and the second-largest LNG operator globally, all under the leadership of CEO Jack Fusco. Said one judge, "The company provides vital stability to markets in Europe and Asia and across the global stage." Describing Fusco as a "true trailblazer," judges pointed to the company's impressive metrics, ranging from: robust financials, to operational discipline, to commitment to and demonstrated community engagement and an "exemplary" safety record. In selection for **Chief Executive of the Year**, judges also praised Fusco for his direct stewardship of the company's strategic shift and growth and his dedication to innovation.

Among the many winners, were those in Platts Global Energy Awards individual achievement categories such as:

- **Lifetime Achievement** -- This year's Awards program recognized two individuals that judges believed equally contributed significantly to the energy and chemical sectors across their lifetimes:
  - **Zhenguo Li, LONGi Green Energy Technology Company, China**  
As visionary founder and current President of LONGi's Central R&D Institute, Zhenguo Li was honored for demonstrating an unwavering commitment to carbon neutrality throughout his career. Judges pointed to his pioneering work in monocrystalline technology, which not only transformed the solar industry by enhancing efficiency and affordability, but also positioned LONGi as a global leader in solar PV solutions. Li's voluntary sharing of

technologies and advocacy for open innovation and initiatives like the "Solar for Solar" model – which aims to decarbonize manufacturing -- underscore his dedication to sustainability. Judges commended him as "a pioneer in China and throughout the world," recognizing his exemplary leadership in the competitive energy market.

- **Alan Armstrong, Williams, USA**

A 40-year veteran of Williams, Alan Armstrong impressed judges not only as a transformative force in the company, but in the wider energy sector. Rising from design engineer to CEO, Armstrong streamlined Williams's operations into a top-tier natural gas infrastructure operator with 12 consecutive years of earnings growth. Describing Armstrong as a leader with "deep personal integrity," judges also pointed to his focus on process safety, global advocacy for pragmatic energy solutions, and his strategic positioning of Williams for a cleaner energy future.

- **Chief Trailblazer of the Year:** Shu Fei Zeng, founder of KH Marque in Singapore, was recognized by judges for her remarkable achievements in diverting used cooking oil (UCO) from improper disposal to transformation into sustainable biofuels using transparent and traceable supply chains. Judges were impressed by her ability to elevate KH Marque from a startup to Southeast Asia's largest UCO collector in just four years with "exceptional" revenue growth and an innovative approach to circularity and climate action. Judges said Zeng's visionary leadership has not only redefined industry standards but also established a new economic model that contributes significantly to global decarbonization efforts.
- **Rising Star Award—Individual:** Judges recognized Katie Aittola, Senior Vice President of Enterprise Strategy and Chief Risk Officer at Duke Energy, for her transformative leadership in reshaping the company's strategic vision and risk management. Judges commended her for leading a pioneering climate resiliency study that sets new industry standards and for driving innovation in risk financing, which has significantly enhanced Duke's resilience and operational efficiency. Judges said Aittola's ability to engage and empower her teams has established her as a respected voice in the energy sector, marking her as a rising star with broad influence.

In addition to its founder and president winning a Lifetime Achievement Award, China's LONGi Green Energy Technology Company received the **Corporate Impact Award** for its Targeted Program Global East submission pertaining to its *Solar for Safe Births* program. Judges pointed to the program's contribution to improving maternal healthcare in the remote village of Linga Linga, Mozambique. By its installation of a solar-powered freshwater system in the local maternity clinic, judges said LONGi helped to transform childbirth conditions, provide safe care, and reduced health risks for mothers and babies in a community previously lacking essential resources.

Applauding the night's winners for their contributions to energy expansion, efficiency and sustainability, **Ernsberger emphasized** S&P Global Energy's commitment to providing the energy and chemical sectors with the data, insights and essential intelligence they need to lead the energy future, especially amidst rapid change. "As the world charts a path toward a more equitable and sustainable future, ensuring access to modern and expanded sources of energy is critical," he underscored in an article on page 8 of the December issue of S&P Global Energy's [Insights Magazine](#), which accompanied the Awards program.

The night's winners of the Platts Global Energy Awards were chosen by the program's independent judges panel from finalists selected from nominations that represented 37 different countries. S&P Global Energy nor event sponsors played any role in the judging or selection of winners.

For details of the above and full roster of Awards winners of the 2025 Platts Global Energy Awards, access the [Insights Magazine](#), or visit the **Platts Global Energy Awards** [website](#).

### **2025 Platts Global Energy Award Winners**

#### **Energy Company of the Year**

Cheniere  
USA

#### **Lifetime Achievement Award (tie)**

Zhenguo Li – LONGi Green Energy Technology Company  
CHINA

Alan Armstrong – Williams  
USA

#### **Chief Executive of the Year**

Jack Fusco - Cheniere  
USA

#### **Chief Trailblazer of the Year**

Shu Fei Zeng – KH Marque  
SINGAPORE

#### **Rising Star Award - Individual**

Katie Aittola – Duke Energy  
USA

**Rising Star Award - Company**

Amogy  
USA

**Excellence in Energy - Upstream**

California Resources Corporation  
USA

**Excellence in Energy - Midstream**

Williams  
USA

**Excellence in Energy - Downstream**

Repsol  
Spain

**Excellence in Energy - LNG**

Cheniere  
USA

**Excellence in Energy - Power**

Emirates Nuclear Energy Company  
UAE

**Excellence in Energy - Chemicals**

Topsoe  
DENMARK

**Excellence in Energy - Finance**

Equis Australia  
AUSTRALIA

**Energy Deal of the Year**

Constellation Energy Corporation  
USA

**Grid Edge Award**

Reactive Technologies  
UK

**Infrastructure Project of the Year**

TAQA Group  
UAE

**Corporate Impact Award – Comprehensive Portfolio**

ReNew  
India

**Corporate Impact Award – Targeted Program Global East**

LONGi Green Energy Technology Company  
CHINA

**Corporate Impact Award – Targeted Program Global West**

CPFL Energia  
BRAZIL

**Commercial Technology of the Year**

Valero Energy Corporation  
USA

**Emerging Technology of the Year**

Quaise Energy  
USA

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