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**CHÂTEAU DU CLOS LUCÉ -
PARC LEONARDO DA VINCI**

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THE FOURTEENTH LEONARDO DA VINCI PRIZE AWARDED TO THE PORTUGUESE-FOUNDED COMPANY HOVIONE BY PAULO PORTAS

**ON THURSDAY, 25 SEPTEMBER 2025
IN LISBON, PORTUGAL**



Trophy for the Leonardo da Vinci Prize. It is inspired by the aerial screw invented by Leonardo da Vinci, embodying the values of elevation, progress and vision that the Leonardo da Vinci Prize seeks to promote, recognise and honour.
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The fourteenth Leonardo da Vinci Prize was awarded to Diane Villax, founder and member of the Board of Directors of Hovione, a Portuguese-founded family business, in the presence of a large audience of international business leaders and public and political figures.

The award, co-founded by the Henokiens Association and Château du Clos Lucé, aims to promote family entrepreneurship as a dynamic and sustainable growth model, reflecting the values held by its creators.

Diane Villax, who founded the company with her husband, is today the representative of the first generation of the family who owns Hovione. She received the trophy from Paulo Portas, former Portuguese Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of State.



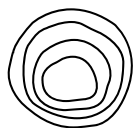
La famille Villax
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AN AWARD WINNER CELEBRATED FOR HIS COMMITMENT TO TRANSMISSION AND INNOVATION, ECHOING LEONARDO DA VINCI'S OWN VALUES

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“This award is a recognition of Hovione’s enduring commitment to science, innovation, and service to customers and patients worldwide. It also reflects the foundational values that have guided us from the very beginning – honesty, integrity, scientific rigor, and teamwork – always with a long-term vision that puts people and progress at the center. Across generations, Hovione has nurtured creativity, knowledge and the pursuit of excellence, staying true to its purpose of transforming ideas into leading solutions and technologies that improve lives across the globe. Above all, it is a tribute to the people of Hovione, whose passion and dedication ensure that we remain, in every sense, In it for life.”

Diane Villax
Founder and member of the Board of Directors



Hovione is a family-owned industrial company with over 60 years of experience in pharmaceutical development and manufacturing operations. Founded in Portugal in 1959, and built on a strong scientific background, Hovione has a significant impact on pharmaceutical innovation and human health.

The 2025 edition of the Leonardo da Vinci Prize pays tribute to Hovione's enduring commitment and outstanding capacity for innovation. Having swiftly established itself as a global player in its field, Hovione stands as a model of the values celebrated by this distinction. Its motto, "In it for life", reflects not only a profound sense of humanism, but also a family-driven corporate culture that resonates perfectly with the spirit of the Leonardo da Vinci Prize.

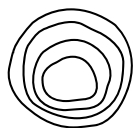
The Leonardo da Vinci Prize rewards five fundamental values:

- 1. History and Tradition**
- 2. Business and Family**
- 3. Fidelity and Commitment**
- 4. Memory and Handing Down**
- 5. Innovation and Modernity**

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HOVIONE

Hovione's annual sales exceed half a billion dollars, and the Company employs 2400 people in facilities in Portugal, Macau, the United States and Ireland. Hovione provides products and services for medicines that treat annually an estimated 80 million patients. The society has a manufacturing or R&D role in 5% up to 10% of all new drugs the United States FDA approved in the past 10 years.

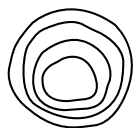


Business and Family – Diane and Ivan Villax met in 1957, married the following year and founded Hovione, with little money but a dream of creating a business that would serve the global pharmaceutical industry. The Portuguese market was too small for their vision, and the world beckoned, from the small laboratory they set up in the basement of the family home in Lisbon. The business grew and moved to Hovione's first factory in 1969, and expanded steadily, with sales doubling on average every 8 years. Son Guy took over Ivan as CEO in 1997 and increased sales ten-fold, until handing leadership in 2022 to Hovione's 3rd CEO in over 60 years, Jean-Luc Herbeaux.

Fidelity and Commitment – Hovione's motto is "In it for Life". The commitment to life and to life-long relationships underlines the Company dedication to the patients who give meaning to its business, to the customers who remain loyal for decades, and the Team Members who make it all happen, through their hard work, talent and intelligence. Hovione and the Villax family are strong supporters of higher education and have created scholarships and funded universities. The Company is Portugal's largest private employer of Ph.D. graduates.

Memory and Handing Down – The Villax family sees in Hovione an extension of itself and tries to project its values and goals onto the business. An emphasis on proper and effective governance, both at corporate and at family level, ensure these values are nurtured and transmitted to new generations of Family Members and Team Members. A vast digital archive of documents and photos is kept, and periodically books are published about the business and the role the family has in its activities.

Innovation and Modernity – Ivan Villax was first and foremost a man of science, at the level of the Nobel laureates he collaborated with. Following his example, in the 2000s, bright young graduates started to revolutionize science at Hovione, and they were given complete freedom to introduce new ways to solve problems. They brought mathematics, statistics and computer modelling to Hovione and today the Company is at the vanguard of data sciences applied to chemical processes and particle design.



HOVIONE, KEY FACTORS

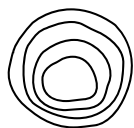
A key player in major drugs

- **HIV-AIDS:** In 1999, Hovione became the world's largest supplier of nelfinavir, the first HIV drug with a pediatric indication.
- **River blindness:** The 2015 Nobel prize in Physiology or Medicine was awarded to the inventors of ivermectin, which cures this disease endemic in Africa. Hovione has been its manufacturer for the innovator since 1991.
- **Hepatitis C:** Of the four drugs approved in the world in the past 15 years to treat and cure hepatitis C, three were manufactured by Hovione, resulting in 4 million cured patients.
- **COVID-19:** The solubilizing agent Captisol® manufactured by Hovione for the holder of the patent rights, enabled Gilead to manufacture Veklury® (Remdesivir), the World's first COVID-approved drug which treated 6.5 million patients.

A contributor to society

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- In February 2020, Hovione started to produce bulk alcohol sanitizing gel, in massive quantities, to fight SARS-CoV-2. With the help of Fire Brigades throughout Portugal, the company distributed sanitizing gel to all those who needed to keep health care and government operational: hospitals, police, post office, local authorities. Until May 2020, we supplied gel for almost 1 million bottles, for free.
- In 2018, Hovione contributed €2 million to Portugal's newest university, NOVA School of Business Economics, ranked today 18th in Europe by the Financial Times.
- Villax Family Members have served pro bono in universities as trustees or members of the General Council and as civic and as association leaders for more than a cumulative 50 years.



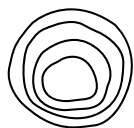
HOVIONE CHIFFRES CLÉS

Year founded	1959
Revenue	In excess of half billion dollars
Founded in	Lisbon, Portugal
Number of employees	2400

ABOUT THE LEONARDO DA VINCI PRIZE

“Family businesses have succeeded in creating the oldest economic model, shared throughout the world. By creating wealth and jobs, these family-owned and humanely-operated businesses are major players in a globalised economy, and help to perpetuate noble values over the long term. Their ability to pass on their heritage, know-how, collective values and cultures to future generations is the key to their longevity and sustainable growth from one generation to the next. The Leonardo da Vinci Prize is in keeping with the tradition of passing on knowledge, in the same way that Leonardo da Vinci did with his pupils, in the spirit of the Renaissance. The prize rewards the exemplary work of family businesses.”

Founded in 2011 by the Henokiens Association and the Château du Clos Lucé, the Leonardo da Vinci Prize is awarded to a family business for its ability to pass on to future generations a set of cultural values and knowledge that constitutes an intangible and living heritage, essential for success and continuity. Through this prize and its winners, the Henokiens and the Château du Clos Lucé seek to bear witness to the capacity of multigenerational companies to adapt, to show they can serve as a model for the economy of tomorrow, and encourage the transmission of the cultural and traditional values and innovation that characterise them. The Leonardo da Vinci trophy was created by the jeweller Mellerio, a member of the Henokiens. It is inspired by the aerial screw invented by Leonardo da Vinci, embodying the values of elevation, progress and vision that the Leonardo da Vinci Prize seeks to promote, recognise and honour.



“The Leonardo da Vinci Prize honours family entrepreneurship that gives meaning to work, anchors it in the regions and roots it in our cultures. The prize-winners reflect the idea that it is possible to embark on and pursue an entrepreneurial venture while adding something extra to the world around us.”

Alberto Marengi
President of the International Henokiens Association

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The International Henokiens Association, created in France in 1981, brings together bicentennial family businesses from around the world. Descendants of the founders are still the owners or majority stakeholders of the 57 member companies, based in 10 countries. Through its members and the values they embody, the association aims to promote the concept of the family business as an alternative to multinationals.

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Château du Clos Lucé - Parc Leonardo da Vinci, located in Amboise, is the residence where Leonardo da Vinci settled in 1516 at the invitation of King Francis I. Appointed “First Painter, Engineer and Architect to the King”, he worked tirelessly on numerous projects before passing away 500 years ago. The Saint Bris family has owned the property since 1855, and opened this cultural landmark to the public almost one hundred years later, in 1954. The family’s mission is to pass on the universal heritage, memory and knowledge of Leonardo da Vinci’s work to as many people as possible. In 2019, the Château du Clos Lucé welcomed 520,000 visitors, 25% of whom were from abroad. It is the 3rd most visited monument in the Loire Valley. Thanks to digital technologies, Clos Lucé is continuing its digital transformation and in June 2021 inaugurated the Leonardo da Vinci Painter and Architect Galleries, a new 500 square metre cultural facility. Visitors are immersed in the creative process and the entire painted work of the Renaissance genius in an immersive audiovisual show.

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