

## **Factories of the Future Awards entries now open to reward the most innovative projects on manufacturing**

**Advanced Factories will recognize the digital transformation and innovation within the industry next March in Barcelona**

**Barcelona, 7<sup>th</sup> November 2019** – The **Factories of the Future Awards 2020** want to foment and promote innovation and technology transfer in the industry. For that reason, **Call for Awards** is now open with the purpose of rewarding the most disruptive projects and solutions at **Advanced Factories**, the leading event in Europe on industry 4.0 and advanced manufacturing that will take place next 3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> March 2020 in Barcelona.

After gathering more than 16.000 professionals in its last edition, Advanced Factories proposes this year to discover a new industry vision for different sector professionals, such as automation, iron and steel industry, food, health, textile, aerospace or railway. For that, the event will embrace more than 350 exhibitors that will present their last innovations. Also, the Industry 4.0 Congress will gather more than 260 international experts and 120 conferences about new industrial equipment, new production processes, digital technologies for the industry and product customization.

**Call for Awards will be open until January 22<sup>nd</sup> 2020** and the winners will be announced at the gala dinner on March, 4<sup>th</sup> in Barcelona. The purpose of the call is to recognize the innovation, leadership and transformation of those companies that use technology to improve competitiveness and adapt to the new era of industry 4.0 with the Factories of the Future Awards. In this sense, the awards reward four main categories:

- **Leadership in industrial plant transformation towards its digitalization:** This award is addressed to those companies that have made a transversal transformation of their processes, incorporating digitalization and automation in their operations, in the customer experience and on their employees.
- **Most disruptive startup in the industry sector:** This category recognize entrepreneurs and less than 6-year-old companies with a value proposition to transform industry and related technologies.
- **Best industrial equipment for the factory of the future:** It rewards innovation and supplier solutions that helps the implementation of machinery and production equipment and collaboration in the automation and digital field.
- **Artificial intelligence research and development for industrial plants:** The award recognize research and development in the field of artificial intelligence in industrial and production processes, including prototype implementation and pilot plants.



The last edition, in which participated a hundred projects and companies, rewarded firms such as CAF Digital Manufacturing, CIAC, CELSA Group and MAICHINERY – FICEP S3.