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IT Award 2008 to Thorkil Sonne for extraordinary entrepreneurship

Thorkil Sonne, 47-year old founder of the company Specialisterne ApS was Thursday night honoured with the IT Award 2008 – The IT Industry's colleagues celebration of a person who in a particular outstanding way sets focus on the IT development in Denmark.

The award was presented last night at the Danish IT Industry Association's (ITB) annual meeting in the Boersen building in Copenhagen. The motivation of the Award Committee is:

"Thorkil Sonne and his company position in a quite extraordinary way Denmark and the originality of the Danish IT Industry in a global scale. Today and in the years to come.

Specialisterne ApS tells in a simple and fine way the good story about IT as a constructive engine in changing the World and improve the situation for people. The company story cause positive emotions and shows how IT can save the world. And show new ways to what the IT Industry sigh for: the provisioning of skilled labour.

Thorkil is the family man whose autistic son caused him to become an entrepreneur – and today he is known around the World via TV, written media and personal speeches at congresses.

The business concept of Thorkil Sonne is a Danish invention at it's best. Local and global at the same time.

1% of the worlds population could become diagnosed within the autism spectrum. These highly gifted people require special support to get on in society – but via their particular logical skills and sense for precision they can contribute massively.

Thorkil Sonne wanted to find a future labour market for his own son. This mission has grown to a successful company with two offices in Denmark, a company under construction in Scotland and companies in the roadmap for Sweden and India.

The Danish knowledge industry faces a scarcity of labour. Thorkil Sonne has taken the Industry by surprise finding labour among people who had been written off by society.

The idea is born global – and has the potential fundamentally to change our definition of words like "qualification", "talent" and "handicap".

*The Award is administrated by The Danish IT Industry Association (ITB) - the largest and leading independent representative for the IT-business community in Denmark
The Award is founded by IDG Denmark 1991.*

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