

Double recognition for Cellnex at TMT Finance Awards EMEA 2026: CEO of the Year for Marco Patuano and Europe Towers Deal (Shackleton)

Recognition at London's flagship digital-infrastructure awards underscores Cellnex's disciplined execution and leadership.

'Shackleton' (PTI–Cellnex Ireland) highlights strategic portfolio optimisation and value creation for shareholders.

London/Barcelona, 30 January 2026.- Cellnex was recognised with **two awards** last night at the **TMT Finance Awards EMEA 2026** in London: an accolade for the **'Shackleton'** transaction in the **Europe Towers Deal** category and **"CEO of the Year"** for **Marco Patuano**. Accepting on behalf of Cellnex were **Carolina Cuartero**, Group Finance & Treasury Director, and **Tobias M. Schwender**, Group M&A Director.

A night for Europe's dealmaking community

Hosted at **Convене, 133 Houndsditch (London)**, the TMT Finance Awards EMEA brought together senior investors, bankers and operators to celebrate the region's most significant digital infrastructure transactions. In the **"Europe Towers Deal"** category, the jury recognised **'Shackleton'** — the transaction through which **Phoenix Tower International (PTI)** acquired **100% of Cellnex's business in Ireland for approximately €971 million**.

CEO of the Year: leadership that delivers

Cellnex's **Marco Patuano** received **CEO of the Year**, reflecting leadership through **strategic transformation** and **financial discipline** during a pivotal period for Europe's digital-infrastructure sector.

Marco Patuano, CEO at Cellnex: *"These two awards are a tribute to the **discipline and teamwork** that define Cellnex. **'Shackleton'** was a demanding, high-quality execution that sharpened our strategic focus, while the CEO recognition reflects the **collective** work of our people and partners across Europe. We are committed to **reliable, efficient and sustainable** digital infrastructure that creates value for customers and shareholders."*

'Shackleton': portfolio optimisation recognised

The deal **completed on 28 February 2025** advanced Cellnex's portfolio optimisation and sharpened the company's focus on core wireless infrastructure.

Carolina Cuartero, Group Finance & Treasury Director: *"The **Europe Towers Deal** distinction for **Shackleton** underscores our **capital allocation discipline** and **balance-sheet resilience**. Completing the Irish transaction for approximately **€971 million** streamlined our portfolio and supported our roadmap to **sustainable shareholder returns**—fully aligned with the financial strategy we have been driving over the past year."*

Tobias M. Schwender, Group M&A Director: *"**Shackleton** showcased Cellnex's ability to deliver **complex transactions end-to-end**—from structuring and diligence to closing—through tight cross-functional collaboration and close coordination with our partners. We're proud that the industry has recognised the **quality and impact** of that collective effort."*

About Cellnex Telecom

Cellnex is Europe's largest telecommunications towers and infrastructures operator, enabling operators to access a wide network of telecommunications infrastructures on a shared-use basis, and thus helping to reduce access barriers and to improve services in the most remote areas, whilst also contributing to more sustainable deployment. The Company manages a portfolio of more than 110,000 sites, including forecast rollouts up to 2030, in 10 European countries, with a significant footprint in Spain, France, the United Kingdom, Italy and Poland. Cellnex, which is listed on the Spanish Stock Exchange, is part of the selective IBEX35 and Euro Stoxx 100 and enjoys outstanding positions on the main sustainability indexes such as Sustainalytics, MSCI and DJSI Europe. Cellnex was ranked in the Top 15 of the Financial Times "[Europe's Climate Leaders 2025](#)" list, achieving 12th place out of 600 companies included in the ranking.

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