

# Nico Vandervelpen nominated in Bloomberg50 list

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We are excited and proud to announce that Bloomberg has named our managing partner and co-founder of Bioqube Ventures, Nico Vandervelpen, as one of the top people to watch in 2018. From the list of people who defined 2017, we are now eagerly looking to next year and to the executives, entrepreneurs, experts, and entertainers who will shape our world. And we're delighted that Nico is predicted to be one of them on next year's Bloomberg50 list! Each year the Bloomberg50 lists those people who define and shape the global business environment.

In partnership with JLINX, Bioqube Ventures supports early stage healthcare companies to the next level. Nico and his team act as the independent management arm leading our Johnson & Johnson Innovation, JLINX initiative here in Beerse, Belgium. Together we provide a wealth of experience in identifying and funding promising scientific opportunities, and have the skills to accelerate businesses due to access to three key components: capital, specialized infrastructure and expertise. Our eyes are on next year and we can't wait to see what our collaboration will achieve in catalysing scientific advances for start-ups across a spectrum of flexible ways to grow and collaborate across the European life science ecosystem.

The full article can be accessed here: <https://www.bloomberg.com/news/features/2017-11-30/watch-these-people-in-2018>

## **About Johnson & Johnson Innovation, JLINX**

*Johnson & Johnson Innovation launched JLINX in 2016 in partnership with Bioqube Ventures. JLINX is an investment and incubation model designed to nurture early-stage transformative innovation, including an emphasis on the human microbiome as well as broader life-science research. By offering startups a spectrum of flexible resources (funding, expertise and capabilities) and approaches to grow and collaborate across the European life science ecosystem, JLINX aims to catalyze scientific advances and accelerate breakthroughs. JLINX is located on the Janssen R&D site in Beerse, Belgium and is supported by the European Union through the European Regional Development Fund and by the Flemish Government through Flanders Innovation & Entrepreneurship.*