

## Telia Carrier Wins the "Best Global Optical Service Provider Award 2018" at NGON 2018

**Stockholm**, **29 July 2018 -** <u>Telia Carrier</u> today announced that it won the coveted "Best Global Optical Service Provider Award 2018" at this year's Next Generation Optical Network event that took place from 26-28 July in Nice, France. The NGON awards give recognition to the achievements made by operators, data centres and solution providers in the optical networking industry, celebrating the advancements in optical networking and data centre interconnect over the past year. As such, Telia Carrier earned the accolade thanks to continued optical network service innovation together with the development of new IoT backbone and Cloud Connect offerings.

Commenting on the prize, Mattias Fridström, Chief Evangelist, Telia Carrier, said: "As part of our ongoing commitment to our worldwide customers and their needs, we have continued to invest in reinventing connectivity to keep pace with the ever-evolving, ever-increasing demands of the market. It's a great honour to have been granted this prestigious award as it reflects all the challenging work undertaken by Telia Carrier and our impressive team of experts."

## Top-ranked global backbone

Telia Carrier's global fiber backbone has grown organically, without acquisitions, and was the first to be 100G-enabled in both Europe and North America. It was also the first network to successfully transmit 1 Tb/s in super channels on its U.S. network. According to Dyn Research's global backbone rankings, Telia Carrier's global IP backbone, AS1299, is currently ranked number one. Telia Carrier's rapid growth and ascension through the rankings was highlighted in Dyn's 'Baker's Dozen' report. The company enables worldwide connectivity by connecting more than 265 Points of Presence (PoPs) across Europe, North America, Asia, and the Middle East, including more than 80 PoPs in North America alone.

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## **About Telia Carrier**

Telia Carrier owns and operates one of the world's most extensive fiber backbones. Our mission is to provide exceptional network infrastructure and services – empowering individuals, businesses and

societies to execute their most critical activities. By working close to our customers, we make big ideas happen at the speed of fiber. Discover more at <u>teliacarrier.com.</u>