



**Press Release
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Small Cap Awards 2017 NOMINATIONS ANNOUNCEMENT

The fifth annual Small Cap Awards nominations headline sponsored by Nex Exchange are announced as follows:

IPO of the Year

Accrol Holdings; Blue Prism Group; Franchise Brands; InnovaDerma

Company of the Year

DP Poland; Fulcrum Utility Services; Gear4Music; Harvest Minerals

Nex Exchange Company of the Year

Adnams plc; Capital for Colleagues plc; Chapeldown; Crossword Cybersecurity plc; Sandal plc

Social Stock Exchange Impact Company of the Year

Capital for Colleagues; Caretech; Impax Asset Management; Obtala

Executive Director of the Year

Stephen Moon, CEO, Science in Sports; Andrew Jacobs, CEO, Lok'nStore; Nick Jarmany, CEO, Quixant; Tim Mitchell, CEO, Sareum

Transaction of the Year

Amino Technologies; Keyword Studios (Synthesis Group); Marlowe ; SCISYS (Annova)

Analyst of the Year

Mike Allen - Zeus; Andrew Blain - Cenkos Securities; Eric Burns - WH Ireland;
Simon Strong - Cenkos Securities

Journalist of the Year

Paul Scott - Stockopedia; Jamie Nimmo - Evening Standard; Simon Thompson - Investors Chronicle

Advisor of the Year

Cenkos Securities; FinnCap; Panmure Gordon; Shore Capital; Stockdale Securities; Zeus Capital

Fund Manager of the Year

Paul Jourdan – Amati Global; Simon Knott – MI Discretionary Trust; Paul Mumford – Cavendish; Giles Hargreave and Guy Feld – Marlborough Fund

Lifetime Achievement Award

To be announced on the evening

The winners in each category will be announced on Thursday 22nd June at a black tie event held at The Montcalm Hotel, Marble Arch, 2, Wallenberg Place, Marylebone, London, W1H 7TN and will celebrate success for smaller quoted companies on Nex Exchange and AIM.

The Awards ceremony shines a light on the best companies and participants in the small and micro-cap community (sub £150m market capitalisation) across eleven categories.

This year the Small Cap Awards are sponsored by Nex Exchange and supported by the London Stock Exchange. They are a once-a-year opportunity to recognise outstanding achievement focused on smaller quoted companies.

Lord Young of Graffham, one of the UK's best known politicians, is returning for a second year as a bastion for UK SMEs to host guests and speak at the ceremony. Lord Young is a former Secretary of State for Trade and Industry. Until recently he was Enterprise Adviser to the Prime Minister with a brief to conduct a “brutal” review of the relationship of government to small firms. This resulted in a three-part review to the Prime Minister on enterprise and small business.

The event will be attended by institutions, fund managers, brokers, company directors, entrepreneurs and advisors, creating a chance for all attendees to network with those who have shown exceptional growth and performance in the small cap environment over the last year. This year the Small Cap Awards is delighted to have secured headline sponsorship for a third year from Nex Exchange (formerly ISDX), a London based stock exchange providing UK and international companies with access to European capital through a range of fully listed and growth markets.

In addition, the event is co-sponsored by the highly respected commercial law firm Hamblins LLP; the Top 15 national audit and accountancy firm UHY Hacker Young; global leader in all aspects of digital corporate communications EQS Group; and the first regulated exchange dedicated to businesses and investors seeking to achieve a positive social and environmental impact through their activities, the Social Stock Exchange.

The nominations have been selected by a judging panel comprised of leaders in the Small Cap sector and is Chaired by Claire Noyce, Managing Partner at Hybridan LLP.

The nominations have primarily been chosen from the calendar year 2016.
The judging panel consists of:

(Chair) Claire Noyce

Managing Partner and Chief Executive at Hybridan

Andrew Hore

HubInvest and Editor of AIM Journal

Dale Bellis

Investment Manager on the private equity and AiM investment team at Maven Capital Partners

Judith McKenzie

Head of Downing UK Micro-Cap Growth fund

David Coffman

Corporate Finance Director at Cairn Financial Advisers

Miles Nolan

Associate Director at IFC Advisory

Andy Edmond

CEO at Equity Development

Joshua Northrop

Fund Manager at Hargreaves Hale

Richard Gill

Director at Align Research

Gervais Williams

Managing Director of Miton Group plc

The fifth annual event follows the success of the Small Cap UK network (<http://www.smallcapuk.com>) founded by Lily & Piper, a specialist integrated Events Company talented in building niche networks. SmallCap UK is supported by Hamblins LLP, the leading central London commercial law firm along with Nex Exchange.

Since it started in mid-2012, the Small Cap Club has successfully enabled leaders and participants in the micro-cap sector to regularly meet together, based on the premise that meeting people builds trust and creates new areas of thinking and opportunity and the regular networking events have gone from strength to strength.

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For further details on the Awards, including judging, categories, sponsor, and partnership opportunities, please contact:

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www.socialstockexchange.com



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Recent networks founded by the company include the Foreign Direct Investment Awards, Small Cap Network, Fast Growth Entrepreneurs and Impact Investor Club.

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Notes to Editors

**The fifth annual Small Cap Awards will take place
from 18.30 on Thursday 22 June 2017 at The
Montcalm Hotel in Marble Arch, London**

**A standard table for 10 is priced at £1500+VAT
to include a champagne reception, three course
dinner and wine**

Individual tickets are available for £200 +VAT

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