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## ‘The Winners of the 6<sup>th</sup> European Small and Mid-Cap Awards’

FESE and EuropeanIssuers in cooperation with the European Commission (DG GROW) are delighted to announce the winners of the 6<sup>th</sup> European Small and Mid-Cap Awards. The Awards aim to promote best practices and to highlight the best European Small and Mid-Sized Companies that have gained access to capital markets via an Initial Public Offering (IPO). They showcase the diversity of European markets, and aim to promote stock listings, in particular targeting SMEs and growth companies.

These four companies were chosen from amongst a very high standard of nominations from across Europe.

### International Star



Boku is the world’s leading independent direct carrier billing company. Boku’s technology enables mobile phone users to buy goods and services and charge them to their phone bill or pre-paid balance. Boku’s platform connects its customers with billing, identity and sales systems of mobile network operators. The Group’s technology makes a consumer’s mobile phone number into a convenient and secure payment method, providing an alternative to credit and debit cards.

Boku is listed on **LSE**

### Rising Star



ATRYs has three fast-growing business lines with consolidated customers: (i) Diagnostic Laboratory: Molecular diagnosis to ascertain the phenotype of individual tumours and thus identify optimal treatment for each patient. (ii) Online Diagnosis: 24/7 medical diagnostic services. (iii) Radiotherapy: ATRYs is a leader company in single-dose radiotherapy. The Company carries out numerous R&D projects, always in collaboration with prestigious companies and academic institutions, to develop new ways of detecting or treating cancer.

ATRYs is listed on **BME**.

### Star of Innovation



Polski Bank Komórek Macierzystych (PBKM) is the parent company of Famicord Group, the largest stem cells bank in Europe and one of the Top 10 in the world. The main area of Famicord’s operations is banking of stem cells from post-foetal tissues for treatment of the baby and/or family members. PBKM is also supplying preparations of bone marrow and peripheral blood to more than 40 countries in the world. In addition, PBKM invests in the development of advanced therapy medicinal products (ATMP), considered to be one of the most important directions of modern medicine.

PBKM is listed on **GPW – Warsaw Stock Exchange**

### Star of 2018



Takeaway.com is the leading online food delivery marketplace in Continental Europe and Vietnam. The Company is focused on connecting consumers and restaurants through its platform. With nearly 36,500 connected restaurants, Takeaway.com offers consumers a wide variety of food choice. With over 1,000 employees, the Group processed orders worth €1.5 billion and generated revenue of nearly €200 million in the twelve months ended 30 June 2018.

Takeaway.com is listed on **Euronext**



Following the success of its introduction in 2017, the Awards also assigned a ‘Special Mention’. The objective of this new category is to prize an initiative, an individual or a company which has had a significant impact on small and mid-cap issuers accessing capital markets.

| Special Mention   |  |
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|  | <p>Keiretsu Forum, founded in San Francisco, US, in 2000, is the largest international network of private investors. It has 53 chapters in more than 27 countries, including US, Canada, China, Japan and Australia. In Europe there are four chapters full of activities: Spain, Paris-London, Central and East Europe and Nordics.</p> <p>Globally, Keiretsu Forum has more than 2,000 members who have invested more than 500 Million \$ in hundreds of companies. Keiretsu Forum is both a network where private investors could find great investment opportunities in the startup environment and a powerful platform for startups to get funding.</p> |

The Federation of European Securities Exchanges, EuropeanIssuers and the European Commission are proud to have established these annual Awards together.

Petr Kobic, President of FESE said

*“Our Members strongly support all public and private initiatives that provide support to small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) in accessing finance through public markets. We are very happy to support the Awards and its objective to showcase successful IPOs from all over Europe. These listed companies are part of the backbone to the European economy. They are vitally important in supporting growth, creating higher levels of innovation, wealth distribution and job creation. It is however vital that they can grow in a favorable environment when accessing markets, allowing them to meet their financing needs without it being too burdensome. I am confident that the European Commission’s Capital Markets Action Plan is a step in the right direction in addressing this issue. Congratulations to all the companies that were nominated for these Awards, they truly are an excellent example of how companies can prosper and grow through having access to finance in reliable, transparent markets.”*

Luc Vansteenkiste, Chairman of EuropeanIssuers said *“Small and medium enterprises (SMEs) have a major role in contributing towards long-term economic growth and employment. However, SMEs often face limited access to financing due in part to the relatively higher risks associated with investing in them. Capital markets have an imperative role in bridging this financing gap through the provision of alternative funding sources for SMEs, particularly as their needs evolve over the different phases of their life cycle. Today’s awards ceremony showcases examples of successful small and mid-cap companies that recently went through an Initial Public Offering. We congratulate them for their performance and wish them a successful future.”*

Irmfried Schwimann, Deputy Director General, Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs, (DG GROW) added: *“The European Commission – through the Capital Markets Union (CMU) – aims at diversifying and deepening sources of finance for enterprises. By promoting SME Growth Markets, we help boosting the number of initial public offerings (IPOs) by SMEs. We also enable companies to attract a broader range of investors. The European Small and Mid-Cap Awards are our showcase of successful SMEs that have raised capital on public markets in the EU. The awards highlight that we have many strong SMEs in Europe. In the last five years, 175 companies have been nominated, and 74 SMEs from 19 different countries in 44 sectors of the economy have been shortlisted and received awards. This is a great success. It is also an inspiration for other SMEs to do the same.”*



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## Further information for the Editor:

The runners-up were the following:

### Category 'International Star'

**CELLINK** listed on **Nasdaq (Sweden)**

**VARTA** listed on **Deutsche Boerse (Germany)**

### Category 'Rising Star'

**GomSpace** listed on **Nasdaq (Denmark)**

**MÁDARA Cosmetics** listed on **Nasdaq (Latvia)**

### Category 'Star of Innovation'

**Gofore** listed on **Nasdaq (Finland)**

**SaltX Technology** listed on **Nasdaq (Sweden)**

### Category 'Star of 2018'

**Befesa** listed on **Deutsche Boerse (Germany)**

**Dino Polska** listed on the **GPW – Warsaw Stock Exchange (Poland)**

## The Awards Jury

The winners were chosen by an independent jury:

- Detlef Fechtner, EU Correspondent, Börsen-Zeitung
- Martin Hock, Finance Editor, Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung (F.A.Z.)
- Jean-Pierre Paelinck, President and Secretary General, World Federation of Investors
- Valerie Kinon, Associate Partner at Clairfield Benelux and lecturer at ICHEC
- Phaedon Tamvakakis, Vice Chairman, Alpha Trust Investment Services
- James Wood, Small Cap Specialist, Winterflood Securities

## About FESE

The Federation of European Securities Exchanges (FESE) represents 36 exchanges in equities, bonds, derivatives and commodities through 19 full members from 30 countries, as well as one Affiliate Member and one Observer Member. For further information please visit [www.fese.eu](http://www.fese.eu).

## About EuropeanIssuers

EuropeanIssuers is a pan-European organisation representing the interests of publicly quoted companies across Europe to the EU Institutions. We seek capital markets that serve the interests of their end users, including issuers. For more information, please visit [www.europeanissuers.eu](http://www.europeanissuers.eu).

## About the European Commission

The Directorate-General for Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs (DG GROW) of the European Commission develops and implements a range of policies to improve access to finance for SMEs in the EU. SMEs are critical to European economic recovery and to accomplishing the EU's goals of job creation, competitiveness and growth. For more information, please visit [http://ec.europa.eu/growth/access-to-finance\\_en](http://ec.europa.eu/growth/access-to-finance_en).

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