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Twelve exciting companies make the shortlist for the European Small and Mid-Cap Awards

European Issuers, the Federation of European Securities Exchanges (FESE), and the European Commission are delighted to announce the shortlist for the 10th annual [European Small and Mid-Cap Awards](#).

The twelve shortlisted companies, selected from among the most dynamic small and mid-caps to have gone public in the period 2020-21, have been pinpointed by an independent, expert jury for their outstanding performances across the four Awards categories.

The winner of each category will be revealed at a special ceremony taking place on 29th November 2022 as part of the European Commission's [SME Assembly](#) in Prague, Czech Republic.

A 'Special Mention' will also be awarded to an individual or company which has had a significant impact on small and mid-cap issuers accessing capital markets.

Rising Star

Highlighting outstanding newly listed SMEs with a market capitalisation of up to €200 million



Founded in 2008 by the company's CEO Mr. Fernando Romero and based in Galicia, **EiDF** is a Spanish company specialised in photovoltaic (PV) solar energy installations. Its main activity is energy self-consumption aimed at small and large companies in order to offer them an efficient and profitable saving alternative with which to reduce energy costs and improve their competitiveness. **EiDF is listed on BME, SIX Group.**



Founded in 1850, **Omer-Decugis & Cie** is a family-owned group which specialises in fresh fruit and vegetables, particularly exotic ones, for European consumers. The Group covers the entire value chain from production to imports and has specific expertise in ripening. Committed to sustainable agriculture that is respectful of regions and people, the Group obtained an "Exemplary" ESG Ethifinance rating of 82/100. **Omer Decugis & Cie is listed on Euronext Paris.**



Span is one of the leading Croatian and regional IT companies. Present on the market for almost three decades, Span currently employs over 700 experts and generates three-quarters of its revenue on the international market. In cooperation with 40 partners, it provides IT solutions and services to more than 1,200 customers worldwide. **Span is listed on Zagreb Stock Exchange.**

International Star

Showcasing newly listed small and mid-cap companies with impressive international sales, profits, and market share growth



Aiforia is a Finnish company providing image analysis software utilising artificial intelligence. Aiforia's business model is based on the development and utilisation of AI models in the analysis of tissue and cell samples relating to medical research and diagnostics. Aiforia aims to be the global leader in AI-assisted tissue sample analytics. **Aiforia is listed on Nasdaq Helsinki.**



Ecoener is a family-run independent power producer (IPP) with more than 30 years of history in the renewable energy sector. Masters of three technologies – wind, photovoltaic and hydroelectric – and pioneers in the implementation of renewable energies, Ecoener is a vertically integrated player operating across the entire value chain, from project design and development to energy commercialisation. **Ecoener is listed on BME, SIX Group.**



Founded in October 2019, following the consolidation of all components of Bigben Gaming Division into a new entity, **NACON** specialises in the development and publishing of so-called AA video game software in both physical and digital format across the action/adventure, racing, sports, and simulation genres. In addition, NACON designs and distributes premium gaming accessories for PCs and consoles. **NACON is listed on Euronext Paris.**

Star of Innovation

Celebrating newly listed SMEs that place innovation at the centre of their business development strategy



Checkin.com Checkin.com is changing the Internet by establishing a new standard for checkins, targeting all companies that build lasting relationships. Handling signups, identity and logins of end-users online, together called checkin, is a particularly complex task in a globalized world with increasing regulation. The patented software combines multiple systems and biometry technologies to create the best possible checkin flow for each end-user, irrespective of country or device. **Checkin.com is listed on Nasdaq Stockholm.**



SECO is a centre of excellence in the field of innovation and technological integration. The company has been operating in the high-tech market for over 40 years, designing, developing and manufacturing cutting-edge proprietary technological solutions for industrial clients. SECO products range from miniaturized computers to standard or customized hardware, high-tech finished products and hardware-software integrated systems for highly diversified end-markets, including medical, industrial automation, aerospace and defence, wellness and vending systems. **SECO is listed on Borsa Italiana.**



Spinnova transforms the way textiles are manufactured globally. Based in Finland, Spinnova has developed a breakthrough patented technology for making textile fibre out of wood or waste, such as leather, textile or agricultural waste. Its technology is the result of more than 10 years of research and development. Spinnova fibre is produced with a mechanical process without harmful or complex chemicals, and its production creates zero waste and side streams or microplastics, with minimal CO² emissions and water use. **Spinnova is listed on Nasdaq Helsinki.**

Star of 2022

Lauding newly listed small and mid-caps displaying outstanding corporate responsibility and exceptional performance in their sector



GreenVolt is a leading Portuguese renewables company operating across 3 segments: 1) Biomass; 2) Utility scale wind & solar projects; 3) Distributed generation. In Portugal, GreenVolt operates 5 electricity biomass plants (98 MW installed capacity) using exclusively forestry residues and, in the UK, holds a waste wood plant (42 MW installed capacity). GreenVolt is also a major EU developer of utility scale wind & solar projects, holding a pipeline of circa 6.7 GW across several geographies including Poland, Greece, Romania, Italy and the US. **GreenVolt is listed on Euronext Lisbon.**

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Llorente & Cuenca is a global communication, digital marketing and public affairs consultancy firm that helps its clients take proactive strategic decisions, with the necessary creativity, innovation and experience. In the current disruptive and uncertain context, Llorente & Cuenca contributes to ensuring that its clients achieve their short-term business goals and sets out a roadmap to defend their social license to operate and enhance their prestige. **Llorente & Cuenca is listed on BME, SIX Group.**

TRIFORK.

Trifork is a next-gen IT and business service provider with just over 1000 employees in Europe and USA. It inspires customers and colleagues in technological possibilities, build innovative software solutions and operate, maintain and continuously extend these for its customers. Since its inception in 1996, Trifork has been motivated to push the boundaries of how new technologies and methods can be discovered, applied and developed into solutions that enable its customers to become industry leaders. **Trifork is listed on Nasdaq Copenhagen.**

Notes to editors:

Please note that the shortlisted companies for each category are listed in alphabetical order

About the European Small and Mid-Cap Awards

The objective of the Awards is to promote best practices and 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 companies are critical to accomplishing the EU's goals of job creation, competitiveness, and growth.

The European Small and Mid-Cap Awards advocate the benefits of equity financing and encourage smaller companies to consider this financing option. Equity market financing plays a key role in the creation of jobs and growth and in the overall competitiveness of a company.
<https://europeansmallandmidcapawards.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 https://ec.europa.eu/growth/access-to-finance_en.

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.

About FESE

The Federation of European Securities Exchanges (FESE) represents 35 exchanges in equities, bonds, derivatives and commodities through 16 full members and 1 affiliate member from 30 countries. For further information, please visit www.fese.eu.

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