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## Launch of the European Small and Mid-Cap Awards 2024

The 12<sup>th</sup> edition of the European Small and Mid-Cap Awards will take place in Budapest, Hungary, as part of the European Commission's annual SME Assembly (18<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> November 2024).

The Awards showcase the resilience and innovation of Small and Mid-Cap Enterprises across the European Union, as well as recognizing their contributions to the region's economic growth.

In the face of a challenging economic landscape, numerous SMEs have exhibited impressive resilience and adaptability. These companies, recognized as some of the top small and mid-caps to go public between January 2022 and December 2023, have proven their capacity to adjust and thrive. By celebrating their successes, the Awards seek to inspire, encourage innovation, and stimulate economic growth.

EuropeanIssuers, the Federation of European Securities Exchanges (FESE), and the European Commission are delighted to announce the nominations of the following companies, picked out for their outstanding achievements across the five Awards categories:

### Nominations for the category Rising Star:

- **Lapwall** listed on Nasdaq Finland
- **Mmcité** listed on Prague Stock Exchange
- **RES** listed on Euronext Italy
- **Seresco** listed on BME, SIX

### Nominations for the category Star of 2024:

- **Dxelance** listed on Euronext Italy
- **Dimand** listed on Athens Stock Exchange
- **Okwind** listed on Euronext France

### Nominations for the category International Star:

- **Greening Group** listed on BME, SIX
- **Rusta** listed on Nasdaq Sweden

- **STIF** listed on Euronext France
- **Tamtron** listed on Nasdaq Finland
- **Vulcan** listed on Deutsche Börse

**Nominations for the category Star of Innovation:**

- **Gubra** listed on Nasdaq Denmark
- **ParTec** listed on Deutsche Börse
- **Revengea** listed on BME, SIX
- **Trade Estates** listed on Athens Stock Exchange
- **Yubico** listed on Nasdaq Sweden

**Nominations for Special Mention:**

- **Eurobank** listed on Athens Stock Exchange

**Rosa Armesto**, Director General of FESE, commented:

*“As FESE, we are thrilled to witness the success of small and mid-cap businesses that have leveraged EU public markets for financing opportunities. These enterprises are essential to Europe’s economic landscape, and their prosperity plays a vital role in the region's growth. The European Small & Mid-cap Awards offer well-earned recognition to these companies, emphasizing the advantages of listing on public exchanges. We extend our congratulations to the nominated companies for their accomplishments and urge other SMEs to consider public markets for their growth prospects.”*

**Florence Bindelle**, Secretary General of EuropeanIssuers, added:

*“EuropeanIssuers extends its sincere congratulations to these remarkable companies, applauding their exceptional contributions towards the EU's goals of job creation, competitiveness, and sustainable growth. Their achievements highlight the diverse landscape of European markets and exemplify the value of stock listings for SMEs and growth companies. May their journey be marked by continued success and prosperity.”*

Details on those companies that reach the shortlist will be publicised in two weeks, with the winners to be announced at the Awards ceremony in Budapest in November.

## Notes to editors:

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**Please note that the nominated 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/>

### **The Awards Jury**

*The shortlisted companies are chosen by an independent jury:*

- *Detlef Fechtner, EU Correspondent, Börsen-Zeitung*
- *Eglè Fredriksson, Portfolio Manager, East Capital*
- *Ekaterina Gianelli, Partner, Inventure*
- *Martin Hock, Finance Editor, Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung (F.A.Z.)*
- *Phaedon Tamvakakis, Vice Chairman, Alpha Trust Investment Services*

### **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](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](http://www.europeanissuers.eu).*

### **About FESE**

*The Federation of European Securities Exchanges (FESE) represents 36 exchanges in equities, bonds, derivatives and commodities through 17 full members and 1 affiliate member from 31 countries. For further information, please visit [www.fese.eu](http://www.fese.eu).*

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