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2017 BEST SEIS INVESTMENT MANAGER ANNOUNCED AT GROWTH INVESTOR AWARDS

- **Adam Lawrence of RW Blears Solicitors announced Symvan Capital as runner-up in the 2017 Best SEIS Investment Manager award**
- **The award shortlist also featured Daedalus Partners, Deepbridge Capital, Goldfinch Entertainment, Startup Funding Club and Worth Capital**
- **Visit growthinvestorawards.com for details of winners and runners-up in all 16 categories**

Last night, at the Royal Lancaster in London, 450 leading decision makers from the UK's vibrant SME investment ecosystem celebrated their stellar successes at a the third annual *Growth Investor Awards*, organised by Intelligent Partnership.

Symvan Capital came a narrow second in the strongly competitive Best SEIS Investment Manager award, pipped to the post by Daedalus Partners. Symvan Capital won plaudits for its strong marketing initiatives and demonstrably successful support of investee companies. This year's shortlist for the award, sponsored by RW Blears Solicitors, also included Deepbridge Capital, Goldfinch Entertainment, Startup Funding Club, and Worth Capital.

Adam Lawrence of RW Blears Solicitors presented the award, which recognises providers specialising in Seed Enterprise Investment Schemes. It was judged on investment volume, performance, impact on investee companies, quality of adviser outreach and innovation in product development. In previous years Symvan Capital and Daedalus Partners have prevailed in the category.

Guy Tolhurst, Managing Director at Intelligent Partnership, commented on the judge's' decision: "Symvan has successfully grown its brand with promising performance and an emphasis on giving investees the backing they need to reach their potential."

Rory Bremner presided over the exclusive black tie awards, spanning 16 different categories. Chris Philp MP, entrepreneur and Parliamentary Private Secretary to HM Treasury Ministers, gave the first keynote speech of the evening. The ceremony featured a second keynote speech from Alan Cheatle, CEO and founder of TEN Group, on its stages of growth and how magic can happen when great investors meet promising entrepreneurs.

The *Growth Investor Awards* have consistently showcased the resounding successes of investment providers, growth companies and financial intermediaries. Together they are promoting high-potential SMEs, striving to bridge the productivity gap, and creating jobs and wealth across the UK.

Guy Tolhurst, said: "Progress matters. We need to be more aware of the unconscious bias that draws us towards people just like us across all parts of the SME investment ecosystem. The UK is one of the best places to start a business, but for it to become one of the best places to scale a business, we need to campaign for opportunity and success for all."

Margot James MP, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State at the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, commented “It is events like these – where the business community comes together to both reward and recognise laudable achievements – that instil in us all a great sense of pride in the UK. We are working hard to support businesses and entrepreneurs across the UK to ensure they can access the finance and wider support to grow and have the right conditions for companies to invest in the long term. Events like the *Growth Investor Awards* do a great service to that end. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate everyone who received an award and hope this serves as inspiration to others to start and build their own businesses.”

For more information visit growthinvestorawards.com. Please visit the gallery section to view photographs of the awards ceremony.

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Notes for editors

2017 Best SEIS Investment Manager

Winner: Daedalus Partners

Runner-up: Symvan Capital

All entrants: Daedalus Partners, Deepbridge Capital, Goldfinch Entertainment, Startup Funding Club, Symvan Capital, Worth Capital

About the Growth Investor Awards

The *Growth Investor Awards* are organised by Intelligent Partnership with partners including the BVCA, EISA, UKCFA, The Centre for Entrepreneurs, The Entrepreneur Network and The Supper Club. The awards, inaugurated in 2015, are supported by a family of sponsors including Smith & Williamson, Beauhurst, Bates Wells Braithwaite Compliance, LGBR Capital, Mainspring Fund Services, RAM Capital Partners, RW Blears Solicitors, Exact Financial Systems, Reyker Securities and MICAP. Find out more at growthinvestorawards.com.

About Intelligent Partnership

As the UK’s leading curator of education and insights on alternative investments and SME campaigning, Intelligent Partnership increases awareness and engagement among intermediaries, investment providers, professional services providers and the wider SME ecosystem, providing them with the tools and information to speak knowledgeably with their clients about a broader range of investment options. Insights are delivered year-round through a programme of content that includes digital and printed reports, video content, and live events – which are accredited for Continuing Professional Development (CPD) by the Chartered Insurance Institute (CII), Institute of Financial Planning (IFP) and Personal Finance Society (PFS). This content is aimed at our 15,000+ audience of advisers, wealth managers and financial services professionals who are all interested or active in alternative investments. Learn more at intelligent-partnership.com.

About Symvan Capital

Symvan Capital is an award-winning technology venture capital firm investing in companies that seek to have a material impact in their industry with the potential to deliver exceptional investment returns within a realistic time frame. Symvan provides investors the opportunity to access today's most exciting early stage tech companies that aim to become tomorrow's most exciting growth companies. Learn more at symvancapital.com.

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