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News Release

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Winners unveiled in SGX Orb Awards recognising best of financial news and content

- Judging by independent panel comprising senior executives from Deloitte, Google News Lab, Nasdaq and an international broadcasting industry veteran
- Awards broaden SGX's efforts to enhance financial education for investors and acknowledge content contributors

Singapore Exchange (SGX) has announced the winners in its inaugural SGX Orb Awards, recognising excellence in financial journalism and content in an evolving media landscape. Following the theme of "Connecting Perspectives and Inspiring Conversations," the awards are an extension of SGX's efforts to enhance financial education and empower investors.

Teo Ai June, Head of Marketing and Communications at SGX, said, "The rise of social media and mobile technology has transformed the way investors consume financial news, challenging content producers in new ways. The SGX Orb Awards are an opportunity for us to recognise and encourage journalists and bloggers alike to produce insightful and engaging stories that help the public make better-informed investment decisions."

The winners of six categories were unveiled at SGX's annual Media Appreciation Night held on 19 July in Singapore:

Story of the Year – Securities

SGX versus HKEX, Chan Chao Peh, The Edge, 9 April 2018

Story of the Year – Derivatives

China is working to change global commodities trading – to its own benefit, Huileng Tan, CNBC, 6 June 2018

Your Opinion Counts

Small Change: You don't have to be super-smart to get rich, Goh Eng Yeow, The Straits Times, 29 October 2017

The Visual Treat

Money Mind Stock Investment Challenge 2017, Frederick Lim, Channel NewsAsia, September 2017

The Hidden Gem

Creative brings '3D' sound to headphones after US\$100m R&D, Marissa Lee, The Business Times, 23 February 2018

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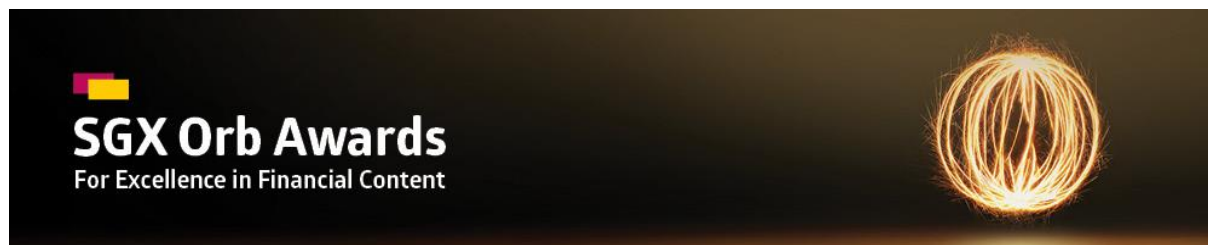
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Some 100 entries were received from local and overseas producers of content that demonstrate relevance to Singapore as an international financial hub. These included submissions and third-party nominations from print and broadcast media, online news sites backed by publishing companies, as well as independent writers such as bloggers and investment websites.

Please refer to Appendix 1 for the shortlist of entries and Appendix 2 for the judging panel. More information can be found at www.sgx.com/SGX-Orb-Awards.



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Appendix 1: SGX Orb Awards – The Shortlist

Story of the Year – Securities

- ***SGX versus HKEX*, Chan Chao Peh, The Edge, 9 April 2018**
- *Are contractors ready to run?*, Sharanya Pillai, The Edge, 7 May 2018
- *Industrial, property stocks breathing life back into Singapore stock market*, Angela Teng, TODAY, 12 November 2017

Story of the Year – Derivatives

- ***China is working to change global commodities trading – to its own benefit*, Huileng Tan, CNBC, 6 June 2018**
- *India's Data Takeaway Leaves Index Derivatives in a Pickle*, Wei-Shen Wong, Waters Technology, 1 May 2018

Your Opinion Counts

- ***Small Change: You don't have to be super-smart to get rich*, Goh Eng Yeow, The Straits Times, 29 October 2017**
- *Hock Lock Siew: Rare victory for minority shareholders at Vard*, Angela Tan, The Business Times, 11 May 2018
- *高息股也有陷阱*, 杨保安 Yong Pow Ang, 联合早报 Lianhe Zaobao, 10 April 2017

The Visual Treat

- ***Money Mind Stock Investment Challenge 2017*, Frederick Lim, Channel NewsAsia, 9 September 2017**
- *#AskDrWealth: What's the Difference Between Cum Dividend & Ex Dividend*, Alvin Chow, Dr. Wealth, 13 March 2018
- *Singapore Budget 2017 explained in 3 minutes*, Soon Weilun, Jonathan Ng and Yu Kexin, The Business Times, 20 February 2017

The Hidden Gem

- ***Creative brings '3D' sound to headphones after US\$100m R&D*, Marissa Lee, The Business Times, 23 February 2018**
- *Japan Food's net margin improving on the back of multi-brand leverage*, Jeffrey Tan, The Edge, 12 March 2018
- *QT Vascular – getting back to the pink of health?*, Ryan Huang, Money FM 89.3, 12 February 2018

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Appendix 2: SGX Orb Awards – The Judging Panel

Ernest Kan

Deputy Managing Partner, Markets, Deloitte

With over 30 years of professional experience, Dr. Ernest Kan has vast expertise in financial audit and consultancy, particularly in Initial Public Offerings, in diverse sectors such as finance, energy and resource, healthcare and life science, manufacturing, technology and telecommunications, consumer business, public sector, travel and leisure. He is active in academia and serves as Chairman on the Advisory Board of the Singapore Management University (School of Accountancy). On the judging panels front, Dr. Kan has chaired the Singapore Corporate Award CFO Judging Panel for almost a decade.

Irene Jay Liu

Google News Lab Lead, APAC

Irene Jay Liu leads Google News Lab in the Asia-Pacific region. She was previously an investigative reporter and data editor at Reuters, where she was a 2017 Pulitzer finalist in the national reporting category. Earlier, she worked at the South China Morning Post and as a political reporter with the Times Union in Albany, New York. She teaches data-driven investigative journalism at the University of Hong Kong and Chinese University of Hong Kong.

Nik Gowing

International journalist and former BBC presenter

Nik Gowing was a main news presenter for BBC World News (1996-2014) and worked for 18 years at ITN, including as Bureau Chief in Rome and Warsaw and Diplomatic Editor for Channel Four News. He has served on advisory councils including Chatham House (1998-2004), the Overseas Development Institute (2007-2014) and Wilton Park (1998-2012). He is Visiting Professor in the Department of War Studies at King's College London and a member of the World Economic Forum's Global Agenda Council on Geo-Economics. In 2016, Nik co-authored (with Chris Langdon) interim findings of the "Thinking the Unthinkable" study, which is currently scaling up because of global executives' anxieties about the new pressures on leaderships. Since 2016 he has been a Visiting Professor at Nanyang Technological University in Singapore, focusing on deepening and widening the "Thinking the Unthinkable" research. In September 2017, he was appointed an adviser on leadership challenges to the President of the UN General Assembly.

Rebecca Victoria Smith

Head of Listings and Capital Markets, APAC ex-China, Nasdaq

Rebecca Smith is head of origination, capital markets relationships, business development and client relationships in Asia. Rebecca has 20 years of capital markets experience. Rebecca was Managing Director, APAC for Nasdaq (2000-2012), Co-Head of Client & Issuer Marketing for Hong Kong Exchanges & Clearing (2012-2013) and Executive Director, APAC Origination for Deutsche Bank AG (2013-2016). Rebecca is a permanent resident of Hong Kong and is currently based in Hong Kong covering the region.

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