

PRIVATE EQUITY EXCHANGE & AWARDS



PRESS RELEASE

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The 16th edition of the Private Equity Exchange & Awards was held in Paris on November 30, 2017. 1,200 participants – Limited Partners, Private Equity Funds and Corporate Executives – gathered for this major Pan-European summit on private equity and restructuring followed by a high-class evening ceremony rewarding the best performers among LBO Funds, Limited Partners and Management Teams.

AN INTENSIVE ONE-DAY PROGRAM...

80 outstanding speakers from all over Europe shared their expertise through interactive round-tables and keynote speeches in three main tracks: International LBO & Fundraising; LBO & Management; Underperformance, Restructuring & Private Equity. Experts included:

- // Thomas Frei, Partner Private Equity, Head of Investment Solutions, Unigestion
- // Alessandro Benetton, Founding Managing Partner, 21 Partners
- // Hélène Bourbouloux, Receiver, FHB
- // Michel Paris, Chairman & Chief Executive Officer, PAI Partners
- // Thomas McComb, Managing Director, J.P. Morgan Asset Management.

...FOCUSING ON NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES

The Private Equity Exchange & Awards promoted targeted networking opportunities in several ways. The Business lunch allowed participants to develop their network and meet participants with diverse profiles. Thanks to the exclusive One-to-One Meetings, participants benefited from a targeted networking planning their meetings ahead of the event through a dedicated online platform.

...CONCLUDED BY A PRESTIGIOUS GALA EVENING

The gala dinner followed by the Awards Ceremony was the crowning achievement of the event, rewarding the best Private Equity players – LBO, Venture and Growth Capital Funds, Limited Partners and Management Teams – on the long run. 80 jury members, top Limited Partners and Asset Management professionals, committed themselves to assess the application forms submitted by carefully preselected nominees. Laureates were rewarded on stage in front of 450 private equity players.

[DOWNLOAD THE 2017 LAUREATES](#)

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We warmly congratulate the 2017 laureates and thank our prestigious speakers, jury members, partners and sponsors for their essential contribution to the success of the Private Equity Exchange & Awards. We look forward to welcoming you next year.

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- Jean-Luc Allavena**, *Chairman*, **Atlantys Investors**
- Stéphane Argyropoulos**, *Chief Executive Officer*, **The Silver Company**
- Frédéric Balochard**, *Head of Corporate Advisory*, **Banque Privée 1818**
- Sophie Barbé**, *Director*, **AlixPartners**
- Francois Barbier**, *Deputy General Manager & Managing Partner*, **21 Centrale Partners**
- Alessandro Benetton**, *Founding Managing Partner*, **21 Partners**
- Eric Bismuth**, *Chief Executive Officer*, **Montefiore**
- Didier Boudy**, *Chief Executive Officer*, **Mademoiselle Desserts**
- Hélène Bourbouloux**, *Receiver*, **FHB**
- Olivier Boyadjian**, *Managing Director*, **HIG Capital**
- Andrew Brown**, *Managing Director & Chief Investment Officer*, **Emerging Capital Partners**
- Martin Calderbank**, *Managing Partner*, **Agilitas**
- Charles-Henri Carboni**, *Receiver*, **BCM**
- Rémi Carnimolla**, *Partner & Managing Director*, **3I Group**
- Olivier Carvin**, *Chief Executive Officer*, **Groupe Maranatha**
- Pierre Francois Catté**, *Chief Executive Officer*, **CPI Imprimerie**
- Michael Collins**, *Chief Executive Officer*, **Invest Europe**
- Paul-Antoine Conti**, *Senior Director*, **Fitch Ratings**
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- Jean-Dominique Daudier de Cassini**, *President*, **ARE**
- Gleb Davidyuk**, *Managing Partner*, **itechCapital**
- Christophe De Dardel**, *Head of Private Equity*, **Unigestion**
- Hervé Thibaut de Maisières**, *Founder*, **LBO Managers**
- Henri Pieyre De Mandiargues**, *Partner*, **McDermott Will & Emery**
- Thierry de Vergnes**, *Head of Acquisition Debt Funds*, **Amundi Asset Management**
- Alain Demarolle**, *Chairman of the Board*, **My Money Bank**
Managing Director, **Cerberus Capital Management**
- Julien Di Marco**, *Partner*, **FCDE**
- Alexis Drouillot**, *Head of Senior Debt*, **CM-CIC PRIVATE DEBT**
- Olivier Dufour**, *President and Chief Executive Officer*, **Prezioso**
- Benjamin Dupuy**, *Partner*, **BC Partners**
- Thomas Frei**, *Partner Private Equity, Head of Investment Solutions*, **Unigestion**
- Jean-Pierre Gomez**, *Head of Regulatory & Public Affairs*, **SGSS Luxembourg**
- Olivier Gourand**, *EVP Group Operational Excellence, Internal Audit, Risk Management, HSE and Sustainable Development*, **CGG**
- Alexandre Grellier**, *Chief Executive Officer*, **Drooms**
- Jean-Louis Grevet**, *President*, **Perceva**
- Laurent Grisoni**, *Lawyer*, **SCA**

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Eric Hamou, *Co-Chief Executive Officer – France*, **DC Advisory**

Rutger Jan Vlek, *Partner*, **H2 Equity Partner**

Tarang Katira, *Principal*, **Hamilton Lane**

Hubert Kirchner, *Partner*, **June Partners**

John Kremer, *Partner & Head of Investor Relations (EMEA)*, **Adams Street Partners**

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Karsten Langer, *Partner*, **The Riverside Company**

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Juan Luis Ramirez, *Founding Partner*, **Portobello Capital**

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2017 WINNERS & SPECIAL DISTINCTIONS

LPs AWARDS

BEST LP GLOBAL STRATEGY WITH PRIVATE EQUITY ALLOCATION

> \$10 bn

Winner: [LGT Capital Partners](#)

Special Distinction: [Hamilton Lane](#)

BEST LP GLOBAL STRATEGY WITH PRIVATE EQUITY ALLOCATION

< \$10 bn

Winner: [Allianz Capital Partners](#)

BEST LP, REGIONAL STRATEGY

Winner: [eQ Asset Management](#)

BEST FRENCH LP, REGIONAL STRATEGY

Winner: [Access Capital Partners](#)

GLOBAL AWARDS

BEST GLOBAL PRIVATE EQUITY FUND

Winner: [Advent International](#)

BEST PRIVATE EQUITY PERSONALITY OF THE YEAR

Winner: [Xavier Moreno, Chairman, Astorg](#)

BEST FUNDRAISING & INVESTOR RELATIONS

Winner: [HgCapital](#)

Special Distinction: [Intermediate Capital Partner \(ICG\)](#)

MANAGEMENT AWARDS

BEST MANAGEMENT TEAM & MBO

Winner: [Meilleurtaux.com](#)

BEST BUILD-UP (TANDEM EXECUTIVES / LBO FUNDS)

Co-winners: [Europcar](#) & [Novacap](#)

BEST EASTERN EUROPEAN AWARD

BEST RUSSIAN & CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPEAN PRIVATE EQUITY FUND

Winner: [Abris Capital Partners](#)

NATIONAL AWARDS

BEST BENELUX LBO FUND

Winner: [Bencis Capital Partners](#)

Special Distinction: [3i Private Equity](#)

BEST ITALIAN LBO FUND

Winner: [Wise SGR](#)

BEST UK LBO FUND

Winner: [Inflexion Private Equity](#)

Special Distinction: [August Equity](#)

BEST GERMAN, AUSTRIAN & SWISS LBO FUND

Winner: [Ufenau Capital Partners](#)

Special Distinction: [Deutsche Private Equity \(DPE\)](#)

BEST SPANISH LBO FUND

Winner: [Portobello Capital](#)

BEST NORDIC LBO FUND

Co-winners: [Accent Equity Partners](#) & [Triton Partners](#)

FRENCH AWARDS

BEST FRENCH SMALL & LOWER MID-MARKET LBO FUND

Winner: [Montefiore Investment](#)

BEST FRENCH MID & UPPER-MID MARKET LBO FUND

Winner: [Equistone Partners Europe](#)

Special Distinction: [Ardian Mid Cap Buyout](#)

BEST FRENCH LARGE LBO FUND

Winner: [PAI Partners](#)

BEST FRENCH TURNAROUND INVESTOR

Winner: [FCDE](#)

BEST FRENCH REGIONAL PRIVATE EQUITY FUND

Winner: [iXO Private Equity](#)

PANEUROPEAN AWARDS

BEST EUROPEAN MID-MARKET LBO FUND

Winner: [Astorg](#)

BEST EUROPEAN LARGE LBO FUND

Winner: [Advent International](#)

BEST EUROPEAN TURNAROUND INVESTOR

Winner: [Apollo Global Management](#)

Special Distinction: [H2 Equity Partners](#)

BEST EUROPEAN VENTURE / GROWTH CAPITAL PRIVATE EQUITY FUND

Co-winners:

[Keensight Capital](#)

[Idinvest Partners](#)

Special Distinction: [NextStage AM](#)

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RISING STARS AWARDS

BEST FUNDRAISING & INVESTOR RELATIONS

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BEST PRIVATE EQUITY PERSONALITY OF THE YEAR

Neal Costello,

Managing Director, AlpInvest Partners

BEST BUILD UP (TANDEM EXECUTIVES / LBO FUNDS)

Infodis

Mecadaq

BEST RUSSIAN & CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPEAN PRIVATE EQUITY FUND

4i Capital Partners

Practica Capital

BEST Italian LBO FUND

Armònia

BEST NORDIC LBO FUND

Summa Equity

Longship

BEST FRENCH SMALL & LOWER MID-MARKET LBO FUND

Elige Capital

RAISE Investissement

BEST FRENCH REGIONAL PRIVATE EQUITY FUND

Loire Valley

BEST VENTURE / GROWTH CAPITAL PRIVATE EQUITY FUND

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