

PRESS RELEASE:

SYMVAN CAPITAL NAMED AS A FINALIST AT 2018 GROWTH INVESTOR AWARDS

- **Symavn Capital will be competing against other finalists in both the Best EIS, and the Best SEIS Investment Manager award categories.**
- **Winners will be announced at a black-tie awards dinner on Wednesday November 7 at Royal Lancaster Hotel, London.**
- **Visit growthinvestorawards.com/finalists for a full list of all finalists and information on how to attend the event.**

Symvan Capital has been shortlisted for the **Best EIS Investment Manager** and **Best SEIS Investment Manager** awards at the 2018 Growth Investor Awards. These prestigious awards celebrate the UK's investment provider community in championing tax-advantaged investments, spotting growth potential and backing outstanding UK small and medium-size enterprises (SMEs).

Launched by Intelligent Partnership in 2015, the Growth Investor Awards celebrate the UK's SME investment community's contribution towards innovation, technology, and job and wealth creation. The awards specifically acknowledge those companies and individuals that are helping start-up and scale-up businesses realise their full potential and power Britain's economy.

This year's expanded award programme features 17 hotly contested categories.

Commenting on the award nominations, Nicholas Nicolaides, Director at Symvan Capital said: **"We are really delighted and honoured to have been shortlisted for both the EIS and SEIS awards this year. This reflects the hard work not only from our side but also the dedication and dynamism of the founders of Symvan's investee companies and their teams."**

Guy Tolhurst, managing director of Intelligent Partnership, said:

"The Growth Investor Awards have rightly become a major focal point in the the UK's SME investment community calendar. During one evening of the year, we come together to celebrate a whole year of vibrant energy, dedication and groundbreaking stories. We'll celebrate the inspiring individuals and truly leading organisations as winners for their ability, bravery and commitment in helping UK entrepreneurs power Britain's economic growth.

"Every year we're proud to see established industry figures and companies go from strength to strength in the Growth Investor Awards. It's equally exciting to see emerging contenders bring their own blend of impressive qualities, flair and drive. Together, they are pushing boundaries and creating very positive investment outcomes, making meaningful impact beyond the money they put into UK businesses, and inspiring even more success stories. We're thrilled to be showcasing the truly impressive SME investment community."

Over the summer, the shortlisted finalists will go to a second round of judging by a minimum of three experts drawn from an independent panel of more than 35 judges.

All of the judges' scores will be collated to determine the winner in each category. A personalised feedback and benchmarking report will be given to all finalists, providing them with valuable insight on areas of improvement.

The awards programme is guided by an Advisory Board including Irene Graham, CEO of the ScaleUp Institute; Luke Johnson, Chairman of Risk Capital Partners; Claire Cockerton, Founder and Ambassador of Innovate Finance; Tim Hames, Director General of the British Private Equity and Venture Capital Association (BVCA); Emma Jones MBE, CEO of Enterprise Nation; Simon Devonshire OBE, former Entrepreneur in Residence at BEIS; and Michael Hayman MBE, Co-founder of Seven Hills.

Tolhurst went on to set the scene for this year's exciting awards:

"The Growth Investor Awards 2018 are set to be the biggest yet, and the timing has never been more crucial. With a reinvigorated SME investment ecosystem optimistic about positive change following the Patient Capital Review, we look forward to shining a light on the whole industry and I'd like to wish everyone the very best of luck."

More information about how to enter, categories, the selection process and previous winners is available on the Growth Investor Awards' website: growthinvestorawards.com

2018 Best EIS Investment Manager finalists

Calculus Capital
Deepbridge Capital
Mercia Fund Managers
MMC Ventures
Par Equity
Sapphire Capital Partners
Seneca
Symvan Capital

2018 Best SEIS Investment Manager finalists

Daedalus Partners
Deepbridge Capital
Earthworm Capital
Sapphire Capital Partners
Symvan Capital

2018 Growth Investor Awards Categories

- 1) Industry Champion
- 2) Exit of the Year
- 3) Most Impactful Investment
- 4) Industry Game Changer (sponsored by MICAP)
- 5) Best Investment Platform
- 6) Best Angel Syndicate
- 7) Best SEIS Investment Manager (sponsored by RW Blears LLP)
- 8) Best BR Investment Manager - AIM
- 9) Best BR Investment Manager - Non-AIM (sponsored by Reyker Securities)
- 10) Best AIM Portfolio Service (sponsored by Exact Financial Systems)
- 11) Best EIS Investment Manager (sponsored by Mainspring Fund Services)
- 12) Best VCT Investment Manager (sponsored by Crowe UK LLP)
- 13) Financial Adviser of the Year (sponsored by LightTower Partners)
- 14) Wealth Manager of the Year (sponsored by Kin Capital)
- 15) Corporate Investor of the Year
- 16) Growth Champion of the Year (sponsored by Smith & Williamson)
- 17) Growth Investor of the Year (sponsored by Beauhurst)

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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, Crowe UK LLP, Exact Financial Systems, LightTower Partners, Mainspring Fund Services, MICAP, RAM Capital Partners, Reyker Securities and RW Blears Solicitors.

Find out more at growthinvestorawards.com.

About Intelligent Partnership

At [Intelligent Partnership](http://IntelligentPartnership) we're passionate about small businesses. We know that they are a vital part of the economy: creating jobs, developing new products, opening up new markets and fuelling regional growth.

For these reasons, we want to play our part in promoting the SME sector, and in particular highlighting the investment and support available to small companies. Putting ourselves at the centre of the capital debate, we want to encourage more people to start their own businesses,

and we want to encourage more small businesses to secure investment, scale up and become great businesses.

We're doing this by providing education and insights on this market; by working with trade associations and government to develop better quality market information; by recognising best practice among the investment providers and professionals that service the SME ecosystem; by championing success stories; and by carrying out research to illuminate the sector for potential investors.

This thought leadership activity is supported by the industry's top investment providers and jointly promoted with over 50 affiliate partners to the UK's 30,000 professional intermediaries, to the small business community and to the professional service firms that operate in the SME sector.

We want to bring about a future where investments in start-ups, scale-ups, SMEs and social enterprises are as understandable and accessible as mainstream assets – helping investors access new asset classes and supporting a vital part of the UK economy.

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