

## **SYMVAN CAPITAL NAMED AS A FINALIST AT 2017 GROWTH INVESTOR AWARDS**

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- **Winners will be announced at a black tie awards dinner taking place on Wednesday 8 November at Royal Lancaster Hotel, Lancaster Gate, London.**
- **Visit [growthinvestorawards.com/finalists](http://growthinvestorawards.com/finalists) for a full list of all finalists and information on how to attend the event.**

**Symvan Capital** has been shortlisted for **Best SEIS Investment Manager** at the 2017 Growth Investor Awards, which celebrate the role of 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 who are helping start-up and 'scale-up' businesses realise their full potential and power Britain's economy.

This year's expanded award programme features 16 categories including Best Investment Platform, Growth Champion of the Year, Most Impactful Investment, Industry Game Changer and Best Angel Syndicate.

Symvan Capital will be competing in the Best SEIS Investment Manager category alongside the following finalists: Daedalus Partners, Deepbridge Capital, Goldfinch Entertainment, Startup Funding Club and Worth Capital. The winner will be announced at an exclusive black tie awards dinner, which will be held on Wednesday 8 November at the Royal Lancaster Hotel, Lancaster Gate, London.

Commenting on the award nomination, **Nicholas Nicolaides**, Investment Manager at Symvan said: **"This dynamic industry creates much needed, high calibre UK jobs and we are honoured to be shortlisted for this award."**

Guy Tolhurst, Managing Director of Intelligent Partnership, said: "The Growth Investor Awards measure the impact of talent, technology and innovative thinking within Britain's thriving smaller-company ecosystem. We want to honour all those industry leaders who day-in, day-out display the ability, bravery and commitment needed to back entrepreneurs and help drive Britain's economic growth from the bottom up.

"We are delighted that the role played by Symvan Capital has been recognised with this 2017 Growth Investor Awards shortlisting, within a fiercely contested category. I'd like to personally wish Symvan Capital the very best of luck, and we hope to see you on the winners' stage in November."

Finalists will now move on to a second round of judging to determine the winner in each award category. Daniel Kiernan, Intelligent Partnership's Research Director heads up the Advisory Board, which represents different sections of the fund management, alternative investment and SME community. He said: "These awards were designed in consultation with the SME industry. An independent panel of judges for each category is drawn from within and outside the industry – to bring a range of perspectives and to provide a level playing field. Having such a robust and comprehensive judging process really underscores the credibility and prestige of these awards."

Advisory Board member Tim Hames —Director General of the British Private Equity & Venture Capital Association (BVCA) — said: "Competitive advantage doesn't go to the nations that focus on creating companies; it goes to the nations that focus on scaling them. The Growth Investor Awards recognise the broader contribution of the SME fund management community to scale up growth and those best optimising investment and support."

### **2017 Growth Investor Awards: Categories**

1. Industry Champion
2. Exit of the Year
3. Most Impactful Investment (sponsored by Bates Wells Braithwaite Compliance)
4. Industry Game Changer (sponsored by MICAP)
5. Best Investment Platform
6. Best Angel Syndicate
7. Best SEIS Investment Manager (sponsored by RW Blears Solicitors)
8. Best BPR Investment Manager (sponsored by Reyker Securities)
9. Best AIM Investment Manager
10. Best EIS Investment Manager (sponsored by Mainspring Fund Services)
11. Best VCT Investment Manager
12. Financial Adviser of the Year (sponsored by LGBR Capital)
13. Wealth Manager of the Year (sponsored by RAM Capital Partners)
14. Corporate Investor of the Year
15. Growth Champion of the Year (sponsored by Smith & Williamson)
16. Growth Investor of the Year (sponsored by Beauhurst)

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### **About Symvan Capital**

Symvan Capital is a leading provider of SEIS and EIS investment opportunities, focused on high-growth technology companies that can scale and have the potential to disrupt in their sector. It targets investee companies which have proven commercial viability, demonstrate potential to grow at least 30% per annum. They look for strong and experienced management teams, with no over-reliance on one single revenue stream or customer.

### **About the Growth Investor Awards**

Intelligent Partnership launched the Growth Investor Awards in 2015, to celebrate the role of the fund management industry in job and wealth creation, and to recognise those companies that enable start-up and scale up businesses to realise their full potential and drive Britain's economic growth. Information about previous award winners, judges and criteria for each award can be found at [growthinvestorawards.com](http://growthinvestorawards.com).

The 2017 Growth Investor Awards are supported by a family of sponsors including Smith & Williamson, Bates Wells Braithwaite, Beauhurst, MICAP, RAM Capital Partners, Reyker, LGBR Capital, Mainspring Fund Services and RW Blears. Partners including the BVCA, Citigate Dewe Rogerson, EISA, UKCFA, Centre for Entrepreneurs, The Entrepreneur Network and The Supper Club and media partners Money Marketing and Fund Strategy also support the awards.

The Advisory Board includes Irene Graham, CEO of the Scale Up 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, Entrepreneur in Residence at BIS; and Michael Hayman MBE, Co-founder of Seven Hills.

Last year's ceremony was attended by over 400 industry professionals and included a [scene-setting film about growth capital](#), with perspectives from a range of founders supported by finalists that have benefited from investment and associated support. The event also featured keynote speeches from Iain Wright, MP for Hartlepool and Chairman of the Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy Select Committee, and Lord Karan Bilimoria CBE, founder of Cobra Beer and founding chairman of the UK India Business Council.

### **About Intelligent Partnership**

As the UK's leading curator of education and insights on alternative investments, Intelligent Partnership increases awareness and engagement amongst intermediaries, 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 award-winning digital and printed reports, video content, and live events – which are accredited by the Chartered Insurance Institute (CII), Personal Finance Society (PFS) and the Institute for Securities & Investment (CISI) for CPD purposes. This content is aimed at subscriber community of advisers, wealth managers and financial services professionals who are interested or active in alternative investments. For more, visit [intelligent-partnership.com](http://intelligent-partnership.com).

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