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SYMVAN CAPITAL WINS 2018 BEST SEIS INVESTMENT MANAGER TROPHY

- Roger Blears, a Senior Partner at RW Blears, presented the 2018 Best SEIS Investment Manager award sponsored by RW Blears Solicitors to Symvan Capital
- Symvan Capital has outpaced four other impressive finalists
- Visit growthinvestorawards.com for details of winners and runners-up in all 15 categories

Symvan Capital has beaten off strong competition in the head-to-head race for the title of the Best SEIS Investment Manager at the fourth annual Growth Investor Awards, organised by Intelligent Partnership.

Sponsored by RW Blears Solicitors, the award was presented on November 7 at a black-tie gala dinner for over 450 leading lights from the UK's vibrant SME investment community.

Commenting on the victory, Nicholas Nicolaides said: "We're thrilled to have won this award in recognition of the hard work the Symvan team has put in during the last year. As Symvan enters its sixth year since launch, we have witnessed our initial SEIS investments scale and progress, whilst also benefitting from follow-on growth capital from our EIS fund."

Symvan won considerable praise and plaudits for its excellent engagement with the industry and its great platform for outreach to potential Seed Enterprise Investment Scheme (SEIS) investors.

The accolade recognises providers specialising in Seed Enterprise Investment Schemes. The judges specifically looked for investment volume, performance, impact on investee companies, quality of adviser outreach and innovation in product development.

Guy Tolhurst, managing director of Intelligent Partnership, commented on the result:

"Symvan has displayed very proactive engagement across the industry, with HM Treasury and the EIS Association in particular. It's also really great to see the team's considerable commitment to helping investee companies realise their potential to the fullest."

To win the prestigious award, Symvan Capital competed against four valiant contenders: runner-up Deepbridge Capital, one to watch Sapphire Capital Partners, and finalists Daedalus Partners and Earthworm Capital.

Visit **growthinvestorawards.com/winners2018** for details of winners and runners-up in all 15 categories and a full coverage of the Growth Investor Awards gala.

About the Growth Investor Awards

Launched in 2015, the Growth Investor Awards have rightly become a major focal point in the UK's SME investment community calendar. The awards celebrate companies and individuals involved in putting investment to work in high-potential businesses. They honour those providing or helping to source investment and leading players that are helping to optimise growth capital for scaling UK companies.

About Intelligent Partnership

At <u>Intelligent Partnership</u> 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 and national growth.

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 wide-ranging capital debate, we want to encourage more people to start their own businesses.

Through our campaigning, research, content, events and awards initiatives, we want to encourage more small businesses to secure vital investment and associated support to scale up and become great businesses.

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