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RAM backs 2016 Growth Investor Awards campaign to honour top wealth management firms

- RAM Capital Partners returns as sponsor of Wealth Manager of the Year
- Awards dinner to be held on 3 November 2016 at the London Marriott Grosvenor Square

Following its successful launch last year, the **Growth Investor Awards** is now open for entries with an updated programme for 2016. RAM Capital Partners (RAM), the leading independent promoter of government approved tax efficient investments, has once again announced its support of the Awards as sponsor of **Wealth Manager of the Year**.

Organised by Intelligent Partnership, the UK's leading provider of research and education on alternative investment, these Awards celebrate the role of the UK SME fund management community in job and wealth creation.

Guy Tolhurst, Managing Director of Intelligent Partnership, commented: ***“Our inaugural Growth Investor Awards were very well supported by the industry and government last year. Over 300 movers and shakers came together to support 36 finalists and celebrate with 12 overall winners. It was great to hear both The Financial Secretary to the Treasury and the Minister of State for Small Business, Industry and Enterprise acknowledging the key role played by growth investors in helping small businesses to reach their full potential.”***

Open to any organisation or individual putting investment to work in SMEs, the Growth Investor Awards recognise those enabling start up and ‘scale up’ businesses to realise their full potential and drive Britain’s economic recovery. The Growth Investor Awards form part of Intelligent Partnership’s year round programme of content to highlight best practice and thought-leadership in alternative investment, which includes its award-winning industry reports and masterclasses.

The Wealth Manager of the Year award is designed to highlight the role of wealth management companies in promoting alternative investments, and recognizes those which actively educate their teams and their clients about how to diversify their portfolios.

Lenny Norstrand, Partner at RAM Capital Partners commented: ***“With its impressive panel of judges and robust judging process, the Growth Investor Awards have quickly established***

themselves as the ones to win. RAM is proud to once again support its campaign to recognise the investment managers driving innovation in tax efficient investment, and the intermediaries who are demonstrating the value of diversification. Representing some of the most innovative and experienced investment teams in the specialist and tax efficient sectors, RAM provides wealth managers and financial advisers with a range of government approved investment opportunities to diversify private clients' portfolios and make them more tax efficient."

The deadline for submissions is 24th June. Any company or individual meeting the criteria can enter the Growth Investor Awards by filling in an entry form for each relevant award category. As part of RAM's sponsorship of the award, there is no entry fee for Wealth Manager of the Year.

A two stage judging process will begin by drawing up an initial shortlist to identify finalists in each category. Intelligent Partnership will announce the finalists in July. Finalist entries will then be submitted for a second round of judging, with a panel of at least three judges for each award category to ensure a robust assessment.

Daniel Kiernan, Research Director of Intelligent Partnership & Chair of Judges commented: ***"Talent and technology were identified as two key enablers of growth last year, with providers supporting their investee companies with guidance and networks alongside investment. Comments from our panel of 35 independent judges, which helped to identify these themes, have been incorporated into individual Feedback Reports sent to all of last year's finalists. This aligns with Intelligent Partnership's mission to enable improvement through industry research and analysis – and creates value for everyone participating in the Growth Investor Awards."***

Representing different sections of the fund management, alternative investment and SME community, an Advisory Board of influential leaders will once again offer guidance on shortlisting and judging while encouraging the best from their respective networks to participate in the awards.

Founding Advisory Board member Sherry Coutu - entrepreneur, investor and co-founder of the Scale Up Institute - commented: ***"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."***

Winners in 14 award categories (*see below in Notes for Editors for full list*) will be revealed at a black tie dinner for 350 movers and shakers at the London Marriott Grosvenor Square on 3rd November.

All information about the Growth Investor Awards, including award categories, criteria and how to enter, can be found at www.growthinvestorawards.com.

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About RAM Capital Partners

Our purpose at RAM is to provide professional financial advisers with a range of tax efficient and specialist investments which they can use to diversify private clients' portfolios and make them more tax efficient. We represent some of the most innovative and experienced investment teams in the specialist and tax efficient sectors. We do not manage or market in-house funds or products – we only market investments provided by external fund managers whose products we believe should diversify and could add significant value to investors' portfolios. Find out more at www.ramcapital.co.uk.

About Intelligent Partnership

The Growth Investor Awards are organised by Intelligent Partnership, the UK's leading provider of education and insights on alternative investments. Its aim is to bring about a future where alternative investments are as understandable and accessible as mainstream assets – thus creating a more open and efficient market for everyone. We engage our 5,000+ subscriber community of advisers, wealth managers and financial services professionals through a year-round programme of content that includes award-winning digital and printed reports, video content, and live events - accredited for Continuing Professional Development (CPD) by the Chartered Insurance Institute (CII), Chartered Institute of Securities & Investment (CISI) and Personal Finance Society (PFS). This thought-leadership activity is supported by the industry's top providers and jointly promoted with our affiliate partners. Find out more at www.intelligent-partnership.com.

Growth Investor Awards 2016 Categories

1. Industry Champion
2. Exit of the Year
3. Most Impactful Investment
4. Industry Game Changer
5. Best Investment Platform

6. Financial Adviser of the Year
7. Wealth Manager of the Year
8. Best SEIS Investment Manager
9. Best EIS Investment Manager
10. Best BPR Investment Manager
11. Best VCT Investment Manager
12. Best AIM Investment Manager
13. Growth Champion of the Year
14. Growth Investor of the Year

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