

EUROPEAN NEWCOMER/ INNOVATOR OF THE YEAR

WINNER – NORTHERN TRUST



THE JUDGES AWARDED this year's prize for newcomer/innovator of the year to Northern Trust for its commercial deployment of blockchain technology in the private equity market in Guernsey.

Blockchain has become the defining technology of the moment because of the potential challenges and opportunities it poses to fund management operations. So it is no surprise to see asset servicing firms leading the way in blockchain research and development.

However, the critical feature of Northern Trust's winning entry is the fact that it is not a pilot but is in production. The solution uses blockchain technology to manage the administration of a private equity fund of Swiss asset manager Unigestion. It has been developed by Northern Trust in collaboration with IBM and other partners and lays claim to being the first commercial deployment of blockchain in Guernsey's private equity market.

The benefits of blockchain are clear – transparency, efficiency, resilience and reliability – and the potential for cost savings and innovation could be significant, so any working and proven deployments with real clients will be integral to realising this potential.

COMMENDED

Metrosoft – The Poland-based software firm was commended by the judges for Fundsphere Terms (FST), a web-based application for managing mutual fund sales agreements (MFSAs). Of particular interest to the judges was the fact that the project grew from an industry initiative led by Schroders' global head of fund services, Noel Fessey, back in 2009 and involving Metrosoft. So when Schroders looked to re-engineer its sales process in 2014, Metrosoft was commissioned to implement FST. By the end of 2016, the system was being used globally by Schroders for more than 100 MFSAs.

SHORTLISTED

Bennani & Marchal Associates – The Luxembourg-based consultant has used its risk management and quantitative analysis background to develop a dedicated Priips platform based on its proprietary analytics library BMAalytics and designed to address key Priips challenges – the calculation of performance scenarios and the synthetic risk indicator.

Liquidnet – In May 2017, Liquidnet launched its Algo Ranking Model (ARM) as part of its new buy-side trading platform, Virtual High Touch. The ARM was designed in anticipation of new MiFID II rules regarding best execution by enabling buy-side traders to rank potential trading strategies based on market conditions, trading objectives and performance targets.

BLOCKCHAIN REACTION – Anthony Stevens, Northern Trust's head of business development, EMEA.

FUNDS EUROPE AWARDS



EUROPEAN PERSONALITY OF THE YEAR

Award winner: Andrew Formica
Accepted by: Andrew Formica
Presented by: Philippe Lespinard



EUROPEAN CIO OF THE YEAR

Award winner: Nick Mustoe
Accepted by: Dean Newman
Presented by: Philippe Lespinard



EUROPEAN ASSET MANAGEMENT FIRM OF THE YEAR (>€100BN)

Award winner: Insight Investment
Accepted by: Isabelle Armbruster
Presented by: Diana Mackay



EUROPEAN ASSET MANAGEMENT FIRM QTY (€20BN-€100BN)

Winner: Jupiter Asset Management
Accepted by: Nick Ring
Presented by: Paul Roberts



EUROPEAN ASSET MANAGEMENT FIRM OF THE YEAR (<€20BN)

Award winner: TOBAM
Accepted by: Laura Vu Thien
Presented by: Anouschka Elliott



EUROPEAN ALTERNATIVE INVESTMENT FIRM OF THE YEAR

Award winner: Avignon Capital
Accepted by: Patrick Flaton
Presented by: Steve Butler



EUROPEAN SPECIALIST INVESTMENT FIRM OF THE YEAR

Award winner: East Capital
Accepted by: Louise Hedberg
Presented by: Steve Butler



COMMENDED: EUROPEAN SPECIALIST INVESTMENT FIRM

Winner: Impax Asset Management
Accepted by: Scott Thompson
Presented by: Steve Butler



EUROPEAN ETF PROVIDER OF THE YEAR

Award winner: Lyxor ETF
Accepted by: Alexandra Snee
Presented by: Tom Caddick

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COMMENDED: EUROPEAN ETF PROVIDER OF THE YEAR

Award winner: ETF Securities
Accepted by: Paul Griffin
Presented by: Tom Caddick



EUROPEAN SMART BETA PROVIDER OF THE YEAR

Award winner: Research Affiliates Global Advisors. Accepted by: Joe Steidl. Presented by: Tom Caddick



EUROPEAN FUND LAUNCH OF THE YEAR

Winner: UBS Asset Management
Accepted by: Rodrigo Dupleich
Presented by: Hugh Byrne



EUROPEAN MARKETING CAMPAIGN OF THE YEAR

Award winner: Aviva Investors
Accepted by: Federica Stanelli
Presented by: Keith Dingwall



EUROPEAN DIGITAL BRAND OF THE YEAR

Award winner: Schroders
Accepted by: James Cardew
Presented by: Keith Dingwall



EUROPEAN THOUGHT LEADERSHIP OF THE YEAR

Award winner: Northern Trust
Accepted by: Mark Austin
Presented by: Edward Glyn



EUROPEAN CONSULTANT OF THE YEAR

Award winner: Alpha FMC
Accepted by: Nick Baker
Presented by: Edward Glyn



EUROPEAN CUSTODIAN OF THE YEAR

Award winner: BNP Paribas SS
Accepted by: Mark Downing.
Presented by: Margaret Delman



EUROPEAN ADMINISTRATOR OF THE YEAR

Award winner: Northern Trust
Accepted by: Laurence Everitt
Presented by: Margaret Delman

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COMMENDED: EUROPEAN ADMINISTRATOR OF THE YEAR

Award winner: BNP Paribas SS
Accepted by: Andy Butler
Presented by: Margaret Delman



EUROPEAN ALTERNATIVE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE YEAR

Award winner: BNP Paribas SS
Accepted by: Tania Mahler
Presented by: Margaret Delman



EUROPEAN SPECIALIST ADMINISTRATOR OF THE YEAR

Award winner: Maitland
Accepted by: Patric Foley-Brickley
Presented by: Margaret Delman



COMMENDED: EUROPEAN SPECIALIST ADMINISTRATOR

Award winner: JTC
Accepted by: Simon Gordon
Presented by: Margaret Delman



EUROPEAN HEDGE FUND ADMINISTRATOR OF THE YEAR

Award winner: BNP Paribas SS
Accepted by: Tania Mahler
Presented by: Margaret Delman



EUROPEAN TRANSFER AGENT OF THE YEAR

Award winner: Societe Generale SS
Accepted by: Stuart Cureton
Presented by: Margaret Delman



EUROPEAN INNOVATOR OF THE YEAR

Award winner: Northern Trust
Accepted by: Anthony Stevens
Presented by: Catherine Doherty



COMMENDED: EUROPEAN INNOVATOR OF THE YEAR

Award winner: Metrosoft
Accepted by: Mateusz Derejski
Presented by: Catherine Doherty



EUROPEAN CLIENT-FACING SYSTEM OF THE YEAR

Award winner: InvestCloud
Accepted by: Christian Ward
Presented by: Catherine Doherty

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EUROPEAN FRONT OFFICE PROVIDER OF THE YEAR

Award winner: RSRCHXchange
Accepted by: Victoria Sanders
Presented by: Catherine Doherty



EUROPEAN BACK AND MIDDLE OFFICE PROVIDER OF THE YEAR

Award winner: SimCorp. Accepted
by: Sylvia Kwok and Wayne Vinton.
Presented by: Catherine Doherty



THE GLITTERING PRIZES

THE LEADING LIGHTS OF EUROPE'S funds industry gathered once more in London for the 13th, lucky for some, Funds Europe Awards. A total of 29 trophies (including five commendations) were presented on the night, covering all aspects of the market – from industry personalities to asset managers to asset servicers and technology providers. Those unlucky enough to miss out on an award were able to console themselves courtesy of the evening refreshments. In a year of uncertainty, it is reassuring to know that some things are still guaranteed.

