

PRESS RELEASE

Winners of Dutch Investor Relations Awards 2016 are announced

Amsterdam, 8 January 2016 – **The Netherlands Association for Investor Relations (NEVIR) handed out the Dutch IR Awards yesterday evening. The awards are presented to companies and professionals that excel in maintaining their relations with investors and analysts by means of good and clear disclosure, accessibility, knowledge and reliability. During the ninth edition of this awards, held in the Kromhouthal in Amsterdam, prizes were awarded for Best Company in the field of IR and Best IR Professional, to Dutch companies and professionals.**

The nominations for the awards are based on a European study by WeConvene Extel combined with follow-up research by Citigate First Financial. In this follow-up research Dutch analysts and investors were asked which Dutch based companies and professionals excel in the field of Investor Relations to their opinion. Last year's winners were excluded from participation. Based on the results of this study, an independent specialist jury consisting of Corné van Zeijl (ACTIAM), Henk Slotboom (the IDEA!), Holger Weeda (BNP Paribas IP), Maarten Hartog (Teslin) and Willem Burgers (Add Value Fund) selected the winners. The winners by category are:

Best company	
AEX	Royal Dutch Shell
AMX	Wereldhave
AScX/Other	Beter Bed

Best IR professional	
AEX	Henk Jan ten Brinke / Ahold
AMX	Bisera Grubestic / TomTom
AScX/Other	Frank Sonnemans / Kendrion

The jury: "The basis of Investor Relations of companies and professionals is and remains to continuously inform analysts, shareholders and other financial stakeholders in the right way about the company. The IR professional is an important instrument herein and can add a lot of value for a company. A good IR-policy can make the difference by engaging in a dialogue in all situations, by listening and by taking the right actions. Investors appreciate this quality and this is reflected in this year's nominations. The jury took all these criteria into careful consideration and came unanimously to a decision. The jury is of the opinion that the general level of Investor Relations in the Netherlands is high and that it has increased considerably in the past years. We hope that these awards will be an incentive for companies to continue to increase the level of Investor Relations."

Profile NEVIR

The Netherlands Association for Investor Relations (NEVIR) acts on behalf of its members. The majority of professional investor relations offers in the Netherlands is a NEVIR member; over 70% of the listed companies on Euronext Amsterdam. The NEVIR was founded in 1991 and celebrates its 25th anniversary this year.

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