

## PRESS RELEASE

### ING Group, a.s.r. and ForFarmers winners at Dutch IR Awards 2018

Amsterdam, 12 January 2018 – The Netherlands Association for Investor Relations (NEVIR) last night announced the winners of the 2018 Dutch IR Awards. For the eleventh consecutive year, these awards were presented to Dutch listed companies and professionals that excel in Investor Relations. During the annual evening gala, awards were given in the categories ‘Best Company in the Field of Investor Relations’ and ‘Best IR Professional’.

The winners for each category are:

Best Company		Best IR professional	
AEX	ING Group	AEX	David Tailleur, Randstad
AMX	a.s.r.	AMX	Victor Bareño, ASM International
AScX/Other	ForFarmers	AScX/Other	Richard Piekaar, Basic-Fit

The winners were chosen by an independent jury of professionals. This year’s jury consisted of the following members: Corné van Zeijl (ACTIAM), Willem Burgers (Add Value Fund), Holger Weeda (BNP Paribas AM), Joop Witteveen (Kempen Capital Management), Frederik van Beuningen (Teslin Capital Management) and Maarten Verbeek (The IDEA!). The nominations for the awards were based on European research by WeConvene Extel and additional research by CFF Communications. In a follow-up study Dutch analysts and institutional investors were asked which companies with a listing in the Netherlands and which professionals excel at Investor Relations. Last year’s winners were not eligible. The jury ultimately decided the winners.

Corné van Zeijl, on behalf of the jury: *“The level of quality of Investor Relations at Dutch-listed companies is high. Companies use an increasingly broad mix of communication tools and are open to a dialogue. In this eleventh edition we specifically looked at the realised improvements, in addition to the absolute level at which companies and professionals operate. The level of disclosure, the accessibility, the visibility of management and the willingness of the management to engage, all play an important role in determining the winners. In the end, the energy that was put into providing information to all stakeholders in an accessible manner was the decisive factor.”*

#### **Profile NEVIR**

The Netherlands Association for Investor Relations (NEVIR) acts on behalf of its members. The majority of professional Investor Relations officers in the Netherlands is a NEVIR member; over 70% of the listed companies on Euronext Amsterdam.

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