

18th INVESTORS' CHOICE AWARDS 2017 PRESENTATION CEREMONY

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Congratulates the Winners
Towards Excellence in Corporate Governance & Transparency



Message by Guest-of-Honour

Ms Sim Ann
Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Trade and Industry & Ministry of Culture, Community and Youth

The Securities Investors Association (Singapore) (SIAS) has been a strong advocate of good corporate governance practices and is committed to safeguarding and increasing awareness of investors' rights in Singapore. SIAS actively organises investor education programmes and partners a variety of institutions to develop a mature and responsible investment community. I commend SIAS for its consistent efforts and good work in strengthening good corporate governance and transparency practices.

This is the 18th year that SIAS is organising the Investors' Choice Awards and they have introduced two new awards – Sustainability and Shareholder Communications Excellence awards. Many investors today consider factors beyond financial returns when making an investment decision. They take into account factors such as environmental and social issues and want to see greater transparency in communications. Therefore, the two new awards are a recognition to companies who make the extra effort to adopt environment, social and governance principles and cultivate good relations with their stakeholders through regular engagement and sharing of information.

I urge our corporate leaders and the investment community to work towards the common goal of creating stronger and more sustainable stakeholder relationships through maintaining fair and transparent corporate governance standards, regulations and practices as well as emphasis on investor education.

Lastly, my heartiest congratulations to all winners of the Investors' Choice Awards 2017. Your exemplary policies and practices will go a long way towards improving the corporate governance eco-system in Singapore and building confidence among investors.



Message by

Mr David Gerald
Founder, President and CEO
Securities Investors Association (Singapore) (SIAS)

Whilst SIAS has been recognised as an organization that promotes investor education, investor rights and good corporate governance practices, its role has been widening lately. It is now entertaining the calls made by retail bondholders, especially in default restructuring situations. Our niche today lies in the ability to resolve investor issues amicably in the boardroom, thus establishing peaceful investor relations in our capital markets.

One recent initiative that helps both shareholders and issuers is the Questions on Annual Reports. Aimed at improving the quality of meetings, transparency of companies and better engagement, the questions posed to boards focus on the company's financial performance, business strategy and corporate governance. Companies are also encouraged to post the answers to the questions on SGX website, to enable all shareholders and would-be investors to have access to the answers. A total of 200 companies were covered last year with another 350 companies this year.

For the benefit of investors, SIAS will continue to monitor the level of transparency and corporate governance practices of companies, working closely with NUS CGIO to track and reward companies. Whilst the overall level of corporate governance has improved, there are still some industry sectors that are still lagging behind. This year, SIAS will also publish the rankings of all companies in bands. Investors will be able to check how the investee company performs in corporate governance. Our research highlights that companies with good corporate governance have better performance.

Tonight is about celebrating the best in corporate governance. I congratulate all winners for your outstanding efforts to improve corporate governance in Singapore.

I sincerely thank our Guest-of-Honour, Ms Sim Ann, Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Trade and Industry & Ministry of Culture, Community and Youth, for gracing tonight's celebrations. I also thank our sponsors, endorers and supporters, without which we could not have successfully organised tonight's event.

Have an enjoyable evening.

SUSTAINABILITY AWARD 2017



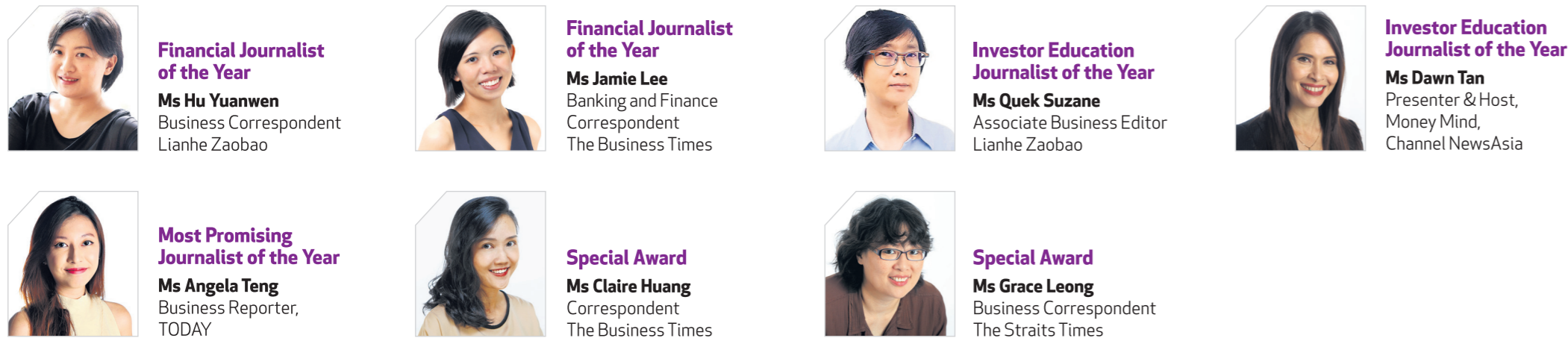
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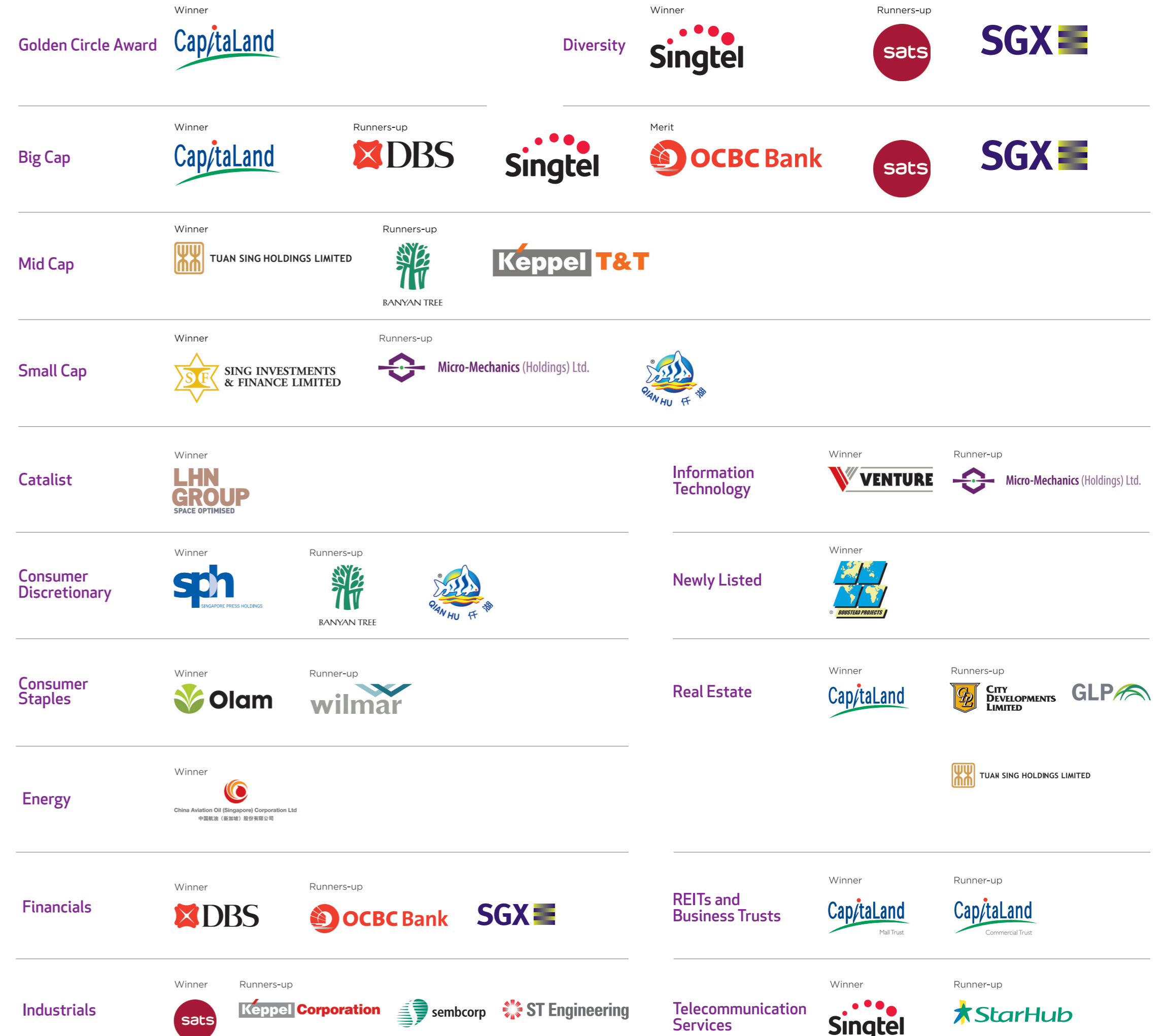
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