

## Media Release

### European Structured Products Awards 2014: DDV wins European award

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The German Derivatives Association (*Deutscher Derivate Verband - DDV*) won the award for *Best Structured Products Association Europe* in London yesterday evening. This prize is awarded each year by the British finance portal *StructuredRetailProducts.com* as part of the *European Structured Products Conference*. In the category *Associations* a total of ten associations from all over Europe were nominated inter alia for outstanding achievements in the fields of communication, providing information and professional development. Three associations from Germany, Sweden and Switzerland won awards.

The principal criteria for qualification for an award were the results of a survey which the finance portal conducted Europe-wide among more than 620 institutional investors and companies in the financial sector, such as banks, exchanges, index providers and commercial law firms, between August and October 2013. At the award ceremony in London, Jan Scibor-Kaminski, Managing Director of *StructuredRetailProducts.com* explained why the award went to DDV: "The German Derivatives Association has improved the political and regulatory framework conditions for structured products in Germany and also in Europe in the last few years. In addition to this, it has been exemplary in fostering public awareness of structured products. It was therefore only fitting to award it first prize for its achievements. It is gratifying to see the market participants throughout Europe acknowledge the hard-earned success of DDV with this award."

"DDV has in recent years been very strongly committed to providing political decision-makers and the public at large with a more realistic picture of the German certificates industry and to setting new standards for transparency and investor protection. We are very pleased with this special recognition of our Association's work. The award is an incentive for us to pursue this path consistently at European level", said Hartmut Knüppel, CEO and Member of the Board of Directors at DDV.

Anyone who would like more information on the award ceremony and the 11th European Structured Products Conference held on 6th / 7th February in London should visit:  
[www.structuredretailproducts.com](http://www.structuredretailproducts.com).

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Deutscher Derivate Verband (DDV), the German Derivatives Association, is the industry representative body for the leading issuers of derivative securities in Germany, who represent approximately 95 percent of the German structured products market: Barclays, BayernLB, BNP Paribas, Citigroup, Commerzbank, Deutsche Bank, DZ BANK, Goldman Sachs, Helaba, HSBC Trinkaus, HypoVereinsbank, LBB, LBBW, Royal Bank of Scotland, Société Générale, UBS and Vontobel. The Association's work is supported by nine sponsoring members, which include the Stuttgart and Frankfurt Exchanges, finance portals and other service providers.

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