

Media release

European Structured Products Awards 2015:

DDV wins award for Best European Association for the second time

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Deutscher Derivate Verband (DDV), the German Derivatives Association, won the award for Best Structured Products Association for the second consecutive year in London yesterday evening. This prize is awarded each year by the British finance portal StructuredRetailProducts.com (SRP) as part of the European Structured Products Conference. The award was accepted by Managing Directors Lars Brandau and Christian Vollmuth. A total of ten associations from all over Europe were nominated in the Best Association category.

Selection of the award winners was mainly based on a survey conducted by the finance portal among more than 820 institutional investors and companies in the financial sector throughout Europe, such as banks, exchanges, index providers and commercial law firms. At the award ceremony in London, Jan Scibor-Kaminski, Managing Director of SRP, explained why the award went to DDV: 'We congratulate Deutscher Derivate Verband for retaining its crown for a second year. DDV's commitment to industry standards and, ultimately, to the consumer through creating greater transparency should be held up as an example to others. DDV plays a vital role in protecting investors in Germany and Europe.'

Christian Vollmuth, Managing Director of DDV, commented: 'We are delighted at this second commendation of our work as an association. It shows us that our commitment to making products easier to understand and more transparent, and to investor protection, is well received on a European level. We have managed to impress both politicians and supervisory bodies because this self-regulation, especially the Fairness Code, is of real benefit to investors.' Further information on the presentation of the awards and on the twelfth European Structured Products Conference, which took place on 5 and 6 February in London, can be obtained at www.structuredretailproducts.com.

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 90 percent of the German structured products market: Barclays, BayernLB, BNP Paribas, Citigroup, Commerzbank, Deutsche Bank, DZ BANK, Goldman Sachs, Helaba, HSBC Trinkaus, HypoVereinsbank, LBBW, 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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