
The Voting Panel



David Snell
(Voting Panel Chairman)
PwC

David is a Partner in PwC's London Mid-Tier Assurance practice with 30 years' service with the firm. He specialises in providing audit and transaction support services to small and mid-cap listed businesses across a wide range of industry sectors.



Roland Arnold
BlackRock Investment Management

Roland, Director and Portfolio Manager, is a member of the UK Equity team within the Fundamental Equity Division of BlackRock's Alpha Strategies Group. He has been Co-Manager of the BlackRock UK Special Situations Fund since August 2012, and Manager of small and mid-cap UK Equity Portfolios since 2006.



Marla Balicao
Equiniti

Marla currently heads up the Business Development team for Registration Services at Equiniti. Equiniti has been providing innovative IPO, share registration and shareholder services for some of the UK's best known brands for over 50 years.



Georgina Brittain
JP Morgan

Georgina is a Senior Portfolio Manager for small and mid-cap funds within the JP Morgan Asset Management European Equity Group. She is the Fund Manager of the JPM Life UK Small Cap Fund, the JPM UK Smaller Companies Fund, and the JP Morgan Smaller Companies Investment Trust, and Co-Manager for the JP Morgan Mid Cap Investment Trust.

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Andy Brough
Schroders

Andy is Co-Head of the Schroders Pan European Small and Mid-Cap Team. His investment career commenced in 1987 when he joined Schroders as a UK Equity Fund Manager, becoming Co-Head of the UK Small-Cap Team in 2002.



Ailsa Craig
SV Life Sciences

Ailsa joined SVLS in November 2006 as an IBT Investment Analyst and became an Investment Manager in 2008, where she is part of the public markets-focused team. Previously, Ailsa worked at Baring Asset Management for two years as a Research Analyst, covering pharmaceutical and biotechnology stocks.



Andy Crossley
Stockdale Securities

Andy was a small-cap Fund Manager for 24 years until 2010, spending the vast majority of that time at Invesco Perpetual, where he was a two-time winner of Fund Manager of the Year Award at the PLC Awards. Since April 2015 he has been Managing Director at Stockdale Securities (previously called Westhouse Securities).



Richard Davies
RD:IR

Richard Davies is Founder and Managing Director of RD:IR, an independent global investor relations consultancy, offering a wide range of IR-related analysis, research and advisory services to over 630 UK and international public companies.

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Matt Evans
Threadneedle Asset Management

Matt joined Threadneedle Investments in October 2013 as a Portfolio Manager in the UK Equities team. He is Co-Manager of the Threadneedle UK Smaller Companies Fund, the Threadneedle UK Mid 250 Fund, the Threadneedle Ethical UK Equity Fund and a range of small-cap institutional portfolios.



Simon Fairchild
PwC

Simon leads PwC's mid-cap Listed Market in the London region. By background he's a Chartered Accountant, gaining his early experience as an External Auditor.



Bruce Garrow
Canaccord Genuity

As Head of Corporate Broking, Bruce leads Canaccord's corporate broking capabilities, dedicated to providing board advice to retained plc relationships. He has significant experience around all types of ECM transactions, on both the Main Market and AIM in London, including IPOs, secondary offerings, shareholder sell-downs, buy backs and tender offers.



Arun George
StockViews

Arun joined StockViews in February 2017 as a pan-European Tech Analyst. StockViews is a research-only firm based in Canary Wharf.

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Alex Hardwicke
N+1 Singer

Alex has been a UK small and mid-cap Equity Salesman since 1995. Prior to joining N+1 Singer, he was Head of Equity Sales at both Charles Stanley and Altium.



Andrew Jones
Zeus Capital

As Director of Corporate Finance at Zeus Capital, Andrew has over 20 years' experience in the public and private company advisory arena, previously working as a Corporate Finance Director for PwC and Head of Corporate Affairs and Investor Relations for Drax Group plc.



Ben Jowett
Winterflood Securities

Ben started his career at Winterflood Securities in 1996 having graduated from Loughborough University. After a two-year secondment to Close Brothers Equity Markets in Paris, specialising in European small cap, Ben returned to London as a Sales Trader.



Marian MacBryde
Makinson Cowell

Marian is a Founder-Director of Makinson Cowell, which is a capital markets advisory team within KPMG's Advisory services. Marian has over 30 years' experience in the capital markets having worked as a Brokers' Analyst for seven years at Hoare Govett prior to the formation of Makinson Cowell.

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Jock Maxwell Macdonald
Peel Hunt

Jock has spent 25 years broking in the small and mid-cap market. He trained with Cazenove and went on to work for Credit Lyonnais Laing, HSBC James Capel, Charterhouse, Merrill Lynch and Brewin Dolphin. He joined Peel Hunt in 2013.



Jeremy McKeown
Liberum

Jeremy is a member of the UK Mid and Small-Cap Equity Sales team with 30 years' stock market experience. Prior to joining Liberum, he spent four years at Espirito Santo Investment Bank as the Head of Mid-Cap Sales.



Richard Penny
Legal & General

Richard joined Legal & General Investment Management in 2003 and is a Fund Manager within the High Alpha Team and the Manager of the award-winning L&G UK Alpha Trust, as well as a number of segregated portfolios.



Ian Restall
Flathill Communications Group plc

Ian is the founder of the PLC Awards. Throughout his career, Ian has been involved in the quoted growth companies sector, either as a Stockbroker, Analyst, Broadcaster and Financial Journalist in this area.

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Catherine Stanley
F&C

Catherine is Head of the Global Small Cap Equity team at F&C and Lead Manager of the UK Responsible Equity funds. Prior to joining in 2000, Catherine spent nine years at Framlington where she managed both retail and institutional UK smaller company funds.



David Stevenson
Amati Global Investors

David is a Fund Manager with Amati Global Investors, an Edinburgh-based specialist in UK mid and small companies, running products including an OEIC, AIM Venture Capital trusts, and an AIM IHT portfolio service.



Martin Turner
Miton Group

Martin Turner has been a Fund Manager at Miton Group since 2011. He jointly manages a range of UK income and small company funds. Previously, Martin was Head of Small/Mid-Cap Equities at Collins Stewart.



Tim Ward
QCA

Tim has been CEO of the Quoted Companies Alliance since 2009. The Quoted Companies Alliance is the independent membership organisation that champions the interests of small to mid-size quoted companies in the UK.

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Stuart Widdowson
GVQ Investment Management

Stuart is an Executive Director and Fund Manager at GVQ Investment Management, which he joined in 2006. Since 2009, he has managed Strategic Equity Capital plc, an award-winning specialist UK smaller companies investment trust.



Rhys Williams
finnCap

Rhys is a Director and Head of Sales at finnCap. He has had a 16-year career in the City, initially as a Research Director, and latterly as a general Small/Mid-Cap Salesman.

Specialist presentations by industry experts

Corporate Social Responsibility Award



Gordon Wilson
PwC



Georgia Stephenson
PwC

Gordon is a Senior Manager in PwC's Performance Assurance Team and provides assurance and advice to a broad variety of FTSE-listed clients. Georgia is an Associate in the Sustainability and Climate Change team at PwC, working with a range of corporate clients to understand how sustainability permeates through their businesses.

Best Investor Communication Award



Daniel Redman
Design Portfolio

A specialist in strategic consultancy and corporate reporting research, Dan used his corporate reporting expertise to help benchmark and provide background research on the nominees for the Best Investor Communication Award.

Best Technology Award



Arun George
StockViews

Arun (also a member of the Voting Panel) gave a presentation in respect of the Best Technology Award. Further details about Arun are available on page 14.