

Media Release

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2015 Corporate Performance Awards sector winners announced

East Coles Australia and sponsor Thomson Reuters are pleased to announce the sector winners of the 2015 Corporate Performance Awards. The winners were honoured at an exclusive event at The Establishment Ballroom in Sydney on Tuesday 17th November.

Top 100

Sector winners in the ASX Top 100 included Macquarie Group for Best Diversified Financials Company, with Nicholas Moore voted Best CEO and Patrick Upfold Best CFO. Suncorp was voted Best Insurance Company, Best CEO, Best Board and Best ESG, whilst Goodman Group won Best Real Estate Company.

Greg Goodman, Group CEO, Goodman Group commented that “We are pleased to have been recognised by the investment community at the Awards Night, which reflects the hard work and commitment of our team at Goodman.”

CSL was recognised once more as the Best Company across the entire ASX Top 100 and also the Best Board in the Health Care Sector. In the Industrials sector Seek took out the Best Company Award again, as well as Best Board and Best ESG. Geoff Roberts was Best CFO. Doug Pertz at Recall Holdings was the Best CEO in the Industrials sector.

In Materials Louis Gries at James Hardie took out the Best CEO Award for the 2nd year running. Matthew Marsh was Best CFO. Sydney Airport took out Best ESG in the Infrastructure & Utilities sector. Caltex’s Simon Hepworth was voted Best CFO in the Energy sector.

So what stocks do fund managers like best? The stocks voted Best Investment Desirability in their sectors were Tabcorp in Hotels, Restaurants and Leisure, Oil Search in Energy, ANZ in Banks, Macquarie of course in Diversified Financials, Goodman Group in Real Estate and CSL in Health Care.

Next 100

Sector winners in the ASX Next 100 (101-200) included Cover-More Group in the Banks & Insurance sector for Best Company. Cover-More’s Peter Edwards was voted Best CEO and Mark Steinberg was Best CFO. Mark Fleming from Shopping Centres Australasia Property Group was voted Best CFO in the Real Estate sector. All were on hand to collect their Awards last night.

In the Energy sector Drillsearch’s Ian Bucknell was on hand to collect his trophy for Best CFO for the 2nd year running. Drillsearch was also voted Best Company and Best ESG, a fitting farewell as they merge forces next year with Beach Energy. In Consumer Discretionary G.U.D. Holdings was voted Best Board, with CFO Martin Fraser noting “GUD has been listed on the ASX for over 50 years and owns and manages many iconic consumer and industrial brands including Davey, Dexion, Oates, Sunbeam, Ryco, Cooper and Narva. Like many companies, GUD experienced a step up in competition from both local and global firms since the GFC. The Awards suggest that changes from all levels of GUD from the Board down to lift business performance and address GUD’s investment portfolio are being recognised by the investment community”.

In the Commercial Services sector Spotless Group ‘cleaned up’, winning Best Company, Best Board, Best CFO and Best ESG. CFO Danny Agnoletto was personally on hand to collect the Awards, along with Chair Margaret Jackson AC who commented that “Spotless re-listed just over 18 months ago, so to be recognised and awarded in so many categories is testament to the hard work of our team and vindication of Spotless’s strategy and business model. I am overwhelmed to receive such a positive response from our investors and thank everyone who voted. We look forward to the ongoing support of the capital markets as Spotless continues with its growth strategy, reinforcing our position as Australia’s leading integrated facility services provider.”

Steve Fleming at Corporate Travel Management was voted Best CFO not only in the Hotels, Restaurants & Leisure sector, but also across the entire Next 100. Corporate Travel Management was also voted Best Investment Desirability across the entire Next 100. Laura Ruffles, Global COO & CEO ANZ, accepted the Awards for Corporate Travel Management. Aveo Group was voted Best Investment Desirability in the Real Estate sector, and CEO Geoff Grady accepted their Awards.

Richard Beaurepaire, Chairman of East Coles Australia and former Deutsche Global Sector Product Head, said “It’s not just the companies with best share prices that have been voted as the best performers by investors. It’s companies with a clearly articulated and well-executed strategy, strong leadership and cohesive and unified management teams that are recognised by well-informed investors.”

The Awards Night was held to celebrate the achievements of the winners from the annual East Coles Corporate Performance Research. The Research asked analysts from both fund managers and brokers to evaluate the S&P/ASX 200. The scores were aggregated to create league tables in each category, and then broken down into Top 100, Next 100 (101-200) and then sectors.

The idea of the Research is to provide a feedback mechanism between the investment community and the ASX 200 to ensure corporates are more finely attuned to investor sentiment. The Research provides an opportunity for investors to express their satisfaction or otherwise with the companies they cover and show their appreciation where they feel value has been added.

The full list of sector winners is:

Top 100

CONSUMER DISCRETIONARY (ex HRL)

Best Co. REA GROUP
Best CEO REA GROUP
Best Board REA GROUP
Best CFO REA GROUP
Best ESG REA GROUP

CONSUMER STAPLES

Best Co. WESFARMERS
Best CEO WESFARMERS
Best Board WESFARMERS
Best CFO WESFARMERS
Best ESG WESFARMERS

BANKS

Best Co. WESTPAC
Best CEO ANZ
Best Board CBA
Best CFO ANZ
Best ESG WESTPAC

INSURANCE

Best Co. SUNCORP GROUP
Best CEO SUNCORP GROUP
Best Board SUNCORP GROUP
Best CFO QBE INSURANCE GROUP
Best ESG SUNCORP GROUP

HEALTH CARE

Best Co. CSL
Best CEO RAMSAY HEALTH CARE
Best Board CSL
Best CFO RAMSAY HEALTH CARE
Best ESG ANSELL

INFRASTRUCTURE & UTILITIES

Best Co. APA GROUP
Best CEO APA GROUP
Best Board AGL ENERGY
Best CFO APA GROUP
Best ESG SYDNEY AIRPORT

MATERIALS

Best Co. AMCOR
Best CEO JAMES HARDIE INDUSTRIES SE
Best Board AMCOR
Best CFO JAMES HARDIE INDUSTRIES SE
Best ESG DULUXGROUP

Top 100

CONSUMER DISCRETIONARY - HRL

Best Co. TABCORP HOLDINGS
Best CEO FLIGHT CENTRE
Best Board TABCORP HOLDINGS
Best CFO CROWN RESORTS
Best ESG TABCORP HOLDINGS

ENERGY

Best Co. OIL SEARCH
Best CEO OIL SEARCH
Best Board OIL SEARCH
Best CFO CALTEX AUSTRALIA
Best ESG OIL SEARCH

DIVERSIFIED FINANCIALS

Best Co. MACQUARIE GROUP
Best CEO MACQUARIE GROUP
Best Board MACQUARIE GROUP
Best CFO MACQUARIE GROUP
Best ESG ASX

REAL ESTATE

Best Co. GOODMAN GROUP
Best CEO WESTFIELD CORPORATION
Best Board NOVION PROPERTY GROUP
Best CFO WESTFIELD CORPORATION
Best ESG INVESTA OFFICE FUND

INDUSTRIALS

Best Co. SEEK
Best CEO RECALL HOLDINGS
Best Board SEEK
Best CFO SEEK
Best ESG SEEK

IT&T

Best Co. TPG TELECOM
Best CEO TPG TELECOM
Best Board TELSTRA CORPORATION
Best CFO TPG TELECOM
Best ESG TELSTRA CORPORATION

MINING

Best Co. BHP BILLITON
Best CEO BHP BILLITON
Best Board RIO TINTO
Best CFO RIO TINTO
Best ESG RIO TINTO



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Next 100 (101-200)

RETAIL

Best Co. SUPER RETAIL GROUP
Best CEO DICK SMITH HOLDINGS
Best Board SUPER RETAIL GROUP
Best CFO DICK SMITH HOLDINGS
Best ESG SUPER RETAIL GROUP

HOTELS, RESTAURANTS & LEISURE

Best Co. DOMINOS PIZZA
Best CEO DOMINOS PIZZA
Best Board DOMINOS PIZZA
Best CFO CORPORATE TRAVEL MGT
Best ESG DOMINOS PIZZA

CONSUMER STAPLES

Best Co. TASSAL GROUP
Best CEO TASSAL GROUP
Best Board AAC
Best CFO ASALEO CARE
Best ESG AAC

BANKS & INSURANCE

Best Co. COVER-MORE GROUP
Best CEO COVER-MORE GROUP
Best Board STEADFAST GROUP
Best CFO COVER-MORE GROUP
Best ESG STEADFAST GROUP

REAL ESTATE

Best Co. CHARTER HALL GROUP
Best CEO CHARTER HALL GROUP
Best Board CHARTER HALL RETAIL REIT
Best CFO SCA PROPERTY GROUP
Best ESG BWP TRUST

CAPITAL GOODS

Best Co. GWA GROUP
Best CEO UGL
Best Board SEVEN GROUP HOLDINGS
Best CFO GWA GROUP
Best ESG GWA GROUP

TRANSPORT

Best Co. QUBE LOGISTICS
Best CEO QUBE LOGISTICS
Best Board QUBE LOGISTICS
Best CFO QUBE LOGISTICS
Best ESG QUBE LOGISTICS

MINING

Best Co. INDEPENDENCE GROUP NL
Best CEO NORTHERN STAR RESOURCES LTD
Best Board SIRIUS RESOURCES NL
Best CFO NORTHERN STAR RESOURCES LTD
Best ESG INDEPENDENCE GROUP NL

Next 100 (101-200)

MEDIA

Best Co. SKY NETWORK TELEVISION
Best CEO SKY NETWORK TELEVISION
Best Board SKY NETWORK TELEVISION
Best CFO SKY NETWORK TELEVISION
Best ESG SKY NETWORK TELEVISION

CONSUMER DISCRETIONARY

Best Co. INVOCARE
Best CEO INVOCARE
Best Board G.U.D. HOLDINGS
Best CFO ARB CORPORATION
Best ESG INVOCARE

ENERGY

Best Co. DRILLSEARCH ENERGY
Best CEO DRILLSEARCH ENERGY
Best Board LIQUEFIED NATURAL GAS
Best CFO DRILLSEARCH ENERGY
Best ESG DRILLSEARCH ENERGY

DIVERSIFIED FINANCIALS

Best Co. MAGELLAN FINANCIAL GROUP
Best CEO MAGELLAN FINANCIAL GROUP
Best Board MAGELLAN FINANCIAL GROUP
Best CFO MAGELLAN FINANCIAL GROUP
Best ESG FLEXIGROUP

HEALTH CARE

Best Co. REGIS HEALTHCARE
Best CEO REGIS HEALTHCARE
Best Board REGIS HEALTHCARE
Best CFO REGIS HEALTHCARE
Best ESG REGIS HEALTHCARE

COMMERCIAL SERVICES

Best Co. SPOTLESS GROUP HOLDINGS
Best CEO VEDA GROUP
Best Board SPOTLESS GROUP HOLDINGS
Best CFO SPOTLESS GROUP HOLDINGS
Best ESG SPOTLESS GROUP HOLDINGS

MATERIALS

Best Co. FLETCHER BUILDING
Best CEO FLETCHER BUILDING
Best Board FLETCHER BUILDING
Best CFO FLETCHER BUILDING
Best ESG PACT GROUP HOLDINGS LTD

IT&T

Best Co. IRESS
Best CEO VOCUS COMMUNICATIONS
Best Board IRESS
Best CFO M2 TELECOMMUNICATIONS
Best ESG IRESS

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