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WORLD EXCELLENCE AWARDS: WBAF'S PREMIER GLOBAL BUSINESS AWARDS NOW TAKING APPLICATIONS AND NOMINATIONS FOR 2022

The 2022 World Excellence Awards is now calling for nominations and applications from successful businesses, individuals, and institutions. The awardees will be announced at the 2022 World Congress of Angel Investors, the flagship event of the world's early-stage equity and capital markets. The Congress will convene on 25 and 26 October 2022 in Antalya, Turkey. The link for applying and nominating is now live: www.wbaf2022.org/awards

The G20 Global Partnership for Financial Inclusion (GPFI), under the Saudi Arabia Presidency, issued a statement reaffirming the G20's commitment to its Action Plan which outlines its response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The World Business Angels Investment Forum is a signatory of the Action Plan.

To reflect its commitment to the Action Plan, the World Congress of Angel Investors WBAF 2022 agenda will focus on financial inclusion, digital transformation and connecting startups with angel investors. The sessions will deal with ways to democratise access to finance from startup to scale-up to exit. LPs, startups, scale-ups, and angel investors will be able to connect at the Global Fundraising Stage GFRS 2022 and at the World Excellence Awards, which salute those who stand out in imagining, discussing, and shaping the future of an entrepreneurial world.

As a global organisation, the World Business Angels Investment Forum brings together key players of the equity market to debate the benefits and challenges for the angel investment community in achieving successful growth for their businesses, and to discuss what more can be done to connect the early-stage market ecosystem.

Given the diverse challenges the world is facing in the twenty-first century, it is important to recognize that entrepreneurship can have a major impact on our future, offering new ways to increase economic opportunities and to foster social justice. The World Business Angels Investment Forum aims to contribute to that impact by driving positive changes that will facilitate entrepreneurship. Fostering entrepreneurship that affects both economic and social arenas is a hallmark of the World Business Angels Investment Forum.

Through the World Excellence Awards, the World Business Angels Investment Forum celebrates high growth and success in the angel and early-stage investment market – recognising the fastest growing brands and acknowledging the founders, angel investors, crowd-funders, early-stage venture capital investors, NGO leaders, and the policymakers behind them.

Open to both companies, investors, NGO leaders and policymakers, these awards seek to recognise the year's most disruptive new market entrants and provide a definitive list of the most exciting individuals and organisations to watch in the angel and early-stage investment space.

World Excellence Awards 2022 Reception & VIP Gala Dinner, Nirvana Cosmopolitan Convention Center, Antalya, Turkey 25 October 2022, Tuesday, 7pm – 11pm

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