

News Release

Re:locate Awards 2014/15 celebrate providers of specialist financial support

Friday 15 May 2015 – The winners of this year's *Re:locate* Awards, which celebrate the contribution of companies and individuals across the relocation sector, were announced and presented with their trophies at a champagne reception and gala dinner held yesterday at London's prestigious Institute of Directors. Among the awards presented was **Financial Support & Innovation**, which recognises providers of specialist financial support to corporate clients and/or relocating employees and their families.

The *Re:locate* Awards are regarded as the ultimate recognition of excellence in all aspects of relocation, both in the UK and internationally. More than 200 guests from across the relocation spectrum – including HR professionals and suppliers – networked the night away as they awaited the announcement of the winners. They were entertained and informed by this year's speaker, Laughology's Stephanie Davies, whose refreshingly interactive keynote was warmly received. Master of ceremonies Dave Keeling, also of Laughology, ensured that the presentation of the trophies went with a swing.

The winners

Between them, this year's 12 *Re:locate* Awards recognised individuals, teams, policy and innovation, with a choice of categories for HR and service providers. Entries were subjected to rigorous scrutiny by a team of independent judges.

The winners, which included companies and individuals from the UK and overseas, reflected the many different types of organisation involved in

relocation, all of which contribute a wealth of knowledge and expertise. Familiar names like InterContinental Hotels Group, PwC and Crown World Mobility were side by side with previously less-familiar ones.

In today's increasingly global world, companies doing business in overseas markets can encounter a range of complexities when dealing with financial issues, including employee tax and pensions. Relocating employees face day-to-day challenges that can hinder their ability to hit the ground running. In many cases, dealing with their finances can be one of the greatest.

Now in its second year, the **Financial Support & Innovation category** was very well supported. Winner Global Tax Network was described by the judges as "a very strong player in global tax services for companies and their expats" which had "built upon Big 4 expertise but devised a service model that is more customer-focused, proving encouragement for clients to explore solutions without extra fees".

The judges praised Global Tax Network for "a well-written entry that makes clear what the company does, how it differentiates itself from the competition, and what are the benefits to its clients and the opportunities for its own team".

They highlighted an emphasis on staff development and teambuilding, adding, "This service builds expertise within client firms and encourages knowledge-sharing, best practice and effective compliance in a cost-effective way."

Richard Watts-Joyce of Global Tax Network said,

"We are extremely pleased to win the Financial Support and Innovation award which shows that we are being recognised within the relocation industry for our ability to provide global expatriate tax services in a slightly different, more client focused way. We have a great team at GTN, both in our UK and overseas offices and will continue to be directed by what our clients tell us they want from their supporting tax partner"

Also on the shortlist were Halo Financial, HSBC Expat, Mobility Services International and Zurich Corporate Life & Pensions, highlighting the breadth of this category.

For a comprehensive list of *Re:locate* Awards winners, [click here](#).

The Summer 2015 issue of *Re:locate* magazine, to be published in June, will feature full details of all the winners, with case studies.

The *Re:locate* Awards 2014/15 were sponsored by BridgeStreet Global Hospitality, Cheval Residences, Graebel Relocation, Skyline Worldwide and Smith Stone Walters. The Association of Relocation Professionals (ARP), the European Relocation Association (EuRA), FOCUS, and the Relocation Users Group (RUG) provided professional endorsements.

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Notes for Editors

About the Re:locate Awards

Introduced in 2007 to reward good practice and celebrate the contribution of relocation to business success, the *Re:locate* Awards recognise teams and individuals, as well as organisations. They attract global attention and entries from the UK and overseas. Previous winners range from blue-chip companies to start-ups.

For further information, visit relocatemagazine.com/about-the-awards

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Re:locate Global recently celebrated ten years as the leading source of information, support and events for the global mobility sector. Its website, relocateglobal.com, is the gateway to a range of influential multichannel,

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