

News Release

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HR award winners announced

The winners of the HR award categories were announced at the Relocate Awards 2015/16 held on May 19th at The Brewery, London EC1.

HR directors, leading companies and professionals from the global mobility industry gathered for the annual gala dinner and presentation ceremony. This, the ninth year of the awards attracted the largest numbers of attendees with up to 250 senior representatives from more than 100 companies from across the international relocation sector. The Relocate Awards are highly regarded as a prestigious recognition of excellence.

Speaking at the gala dinner, Fiona Murchie, managing editor said, "There were ten categories including some new awards and the judges have been impressed by exceptionally high-calibre entries. This year over 50% of our entries were international, which confirms their prestigious global reputation, underpinned by a rigorous, independent judging process. These are the awards to win."

The **HR Team of the Year (sponsored by Altair Global)** award celebrates those that demonstrate inspirational, outstanding leadership and excellence in relocation.

Grant Thornton Talent Mobility Team were pronounced the winners where the judges praised the team for developing and leading a world-class global mobility programme which meets the needs of Millennials and Generation Y. They were praised for using international assignments as a retention and recruitment tool in cost-conscious, resource-tight times. Describing the

programme as “a responsive approach to developing a mobility programme that ensures employee engagement and effective relocation in practice” the judges added, “the approach taken enabled the firm to meet business and assignees’ needs as well as those of its global and local offices.”

Following their win, Susan Gregory, head of talent mobility, Grant Thornton said, “Mobility can very often be the “forgotten” part of HR. We are required to have a significant breadth and depth of knowledge not found in many other HR disciplines. Of course, we couldn’t achieve what we do without the partnership and teamwork with so many – from the employee through the local HR teams – both home and host, the business (both home and host), the immigration and relocation specialists and so the list goes on. This award provides very welcome recognition of the whole team’s contribution to the success of the business.”

The **Outstanding HR & Supplier Partnership (sponsored by BridgeStreet Global Hospitality)** award is aimed at HR teams working in partnership with a supplier to deliver a relocation project and support.

The winners **Maritime and Coastguard Agency & Lexicon Relocation** took the award for a clear, concise entry which showcased a true partnership and which, the judges said, demonstrated genuine passion. “There is evidence here of a great partnership where working together has resulted in an ideal outcome.”

This category was closely contested and **Highly Commended** has been awarded to **Smith Stone Walters & JP Morgan Chase**.

The Summer 2016 issue of Relocate Magazine published in June will feature a fully detailed special awards supplement.

The Relocate Awards 2015/6 were sponsored by ACS Schools, Altair Global, BridgeStreet Global Hospitality, Dunstone College and PRO-Link Global. Supporters were Emigra Worldwide, Sante Fe Immigration Services, and

Staybridge Suites. The Association of Relocation Professionals (ARP), the European Relocation Association (EuRA), FOCUS, and the Relocation Users Group (RUG) provided professional endorsements.

Altair Global has been providing comprehensive mobility solutions since 1989. Altair Global is an independent, full-service relocation and global assignment management company offering best-in-class services in more than 180 countries. Its innovative services are delivered from locations across the world in the Americas, EMEA, and APAC.

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Unique in combining coverage of the hard topics such as immigration and tax with soft employee support issues from schools to property, cultural awareness and partner careers. Its media and events (which include the prestigious Relocate Awards) showcase thought leadership across management, HR and global mobility and shape the agenda across the many sectors that contribute to managing relocation and supporting relocating employees and their families.

Underpinned by more than 25 years' experience in global mobility, Relocate has been established for over ten years. The company's mission is to make connections, build networks, create opportunities for business and enable the successful relocation of employees and their families, ensuring that organisations flourish in a globally mobile world.

Relocateglobal.com is the gateway to a range of influential multichannel, multimedia products and services. Updated daily and reaching 200 countries it includes regional and subject-specific digital magazines and is the online hub for a fast-growing community of HR, global managers and relocation professionals.

About the Relocate Awards

Introduced in 2007 to recognise excellence and celebrate the contribution of relocation to global business. The Relocate Awards acknowledge the contribution of individuals, teams and organisations and attract worldwide attention. Previous winners range from blue-chip companies to start-ups.

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