





## Press Release

# Thomson Reuters Extel, WirtschaftsWoche and DIRK honor Germany's top names in investor relations

*Frankfurt/Main, 28 May 2013* – Thomson Reuters Extel (a division of Thomson Reuters), WirtschaftsWoche business magazine, and DIRK (the association for Investor Relations (IR) in Germany) are pround to announce today the nominees of the "German Investor Relations Award 2013". Because of the increacing significance of Fixed Income Investor Relations there will be a new category "Fixed Income IR Germany" awarded this year.

More than 790 companies across Europe contribute to the study, 110 of these companies being located in Germany. The winners will be declared and awarded on 3<sup>rd</sup> June at the festive evening event of the 16 th DIRK Conference.

The nominees in the various categories are as follows (alphabetical order):

DAX30	MDAX	<b>SDAX</b>
Allianz SE	Hugo Boss AG	alstria office REIT-AG
Bayer AG	Kabel Deutschland Holding AG	DIC Asset AG
Continental AG	METRO AG	Praktiker AG
Deutsche Telekom AG	MTU Aero Engines Holding AG	TOM TAILOR Holding AG
Munich RE	ProSiebenSat.1 Media AG	VTG AG
TecDAX AIXTRON SE Dialog Semiconductor plc Drägerwerk AG & Co. KGaA Software AG Telefónica D'land Holding AG	<b>Fixed Income IR</b> Allianz SE Deutsche Bank AG Deutsche Telekom AG Kabel Deutschland Holding AG Munich RE	IR-Manager DAX30 Christian Becker-Hussong, <i>Munich RE</i> Stephan Eger, <i>Deutsche Telekom</i> AG Alexander Rosar, <i>Bayer AG</i> Oliver Schmidt, <i>Allianz SE</i> Rolf Woller, <i>Continantal AG</i>
IR-Manager MDAX	IR-Manager SDAX	IR-Manager TecDAX
Elmar Baur,	Ralf Dibbern,	Guide Pickert,
<i>Kabel Deutschland Holding AG</i>	<i>alstria office REIT-AG</i>	<i>AIXTRON SE</i>
Sebastian McCoskrie,	Rolf-Dieter Grass,	Victor J. Garcia-Aranda,
<i>METRO AG</i>	<i>Praktiker AG</i>	<i>Teléfonica D'land Holding AG</i>
Karl Steinle,	Lucia Mathée,	Thomas Fischler,
<i>Hannover Rück SE</i>	<i>Vossloh AG</i>	<i>Drägerwerk AG &amp; Co. KGaA</i>
Dirk Voigtländer,	Andrea Rolvering,	Otmar Winzig,
<i>ProSiebenSat. 1 Media AG</i>	<i>TOM TAILOR Holding AG</i>	<i>Software AG</i>
Dennis Weber,	Felix Zander,	Ingo Arnold,
<i>Hugo Boss AG</i>	<i>VTG AG</i>	<i>freenet AG</i>

Steve Kelly, Managing Director of Thomson Reuters Extel, says that "for the eighth year we have had an extremely successful collaboration with DIRK and are very happy about it."

"Good capital market communication stabilizes the performance of shares, which are an important investment class for our readers. Therefore, it is our pleasure to award again a prize to Germany's best IR managers together with DIRK", says Roland Tichy, editor in chief of the magazine WirtschaftsWoche.

Kay Bommer, General Manager of DIRK, adds: "As far as quality and independence are concerned, we are setting the standard for the appraisal of investor relations in Germany with our two widely respected partners, Thomson Reuters Extel and WirtschaftsWoche. We are delighted to celebrate a very successful eighth anniversary of our German IR Award and to launch our new category Fixed Income IR Germany."

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#### About DIRK:

DIRK is the association for Investor Relations (IR) in Germany. As the organ of IR professionals, DIRK represents the concerns of its members in an active dialogue with interest groups and capital market stakeholders, political institutions and the general public. The association offers its members active, specific support and promotes regular exchange among its own ranks and with IR specialists from all over the world. In addition, DIRK sets standards in professional training and further education of IR juniors in Germany. With its more than 300 members, DIRK sets the standards of communication between companies and the capital market. The spectrum of companies organised within DIRK includes almost all DAX companies and the bulk of companies listed in the MDAX, SDAX and TecDAX as well as companies with a small market capitalisation and those which have not yet made their IPO or issue debt instruments. Increasingly, capital market oriented individuals are members of DIRK. For more information, go to www.dirk.org.

## About Thomson Reuters Extel:

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## About WirtschaftsWoche:

WirtschaftsWoche is the big topical, market economy-oriented, liberal business magazine for management executives. Every week, an editorial staff of around 100 analyses the key developments in companies, politics, technology, management, the financial markets and the world of science.

The magazine and its online-team of wiwo.de can draw on the expertise of foreign offices in New York, Moscow, Silicon Valley, Peking, Tokyo, São Paulo, Brussels, London and Paris, providing readers in the major export nation of Germany with first-hand information on the most important supply and sales markets.

Furthermore the reporting of the WirtschaftsWoche is completed by the online authors of wiwo.de. They present daily events and analyse economical and political results.