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Private Equity Wire has announced the winners of the Private Equity Wire European Awards 2023, which recognise excellence among private equity fund managers and service providers in Europe across a wide range of categories.

Voting for the awards, which were presented today (8 March) at an exclusive ceremony and networking event at the Reform Club, London, was conducted via an online poll of the entire Private Equity Wire userbase, where participants were asked to make their choice among the shortlisted firms in each category.

The GP manager categories cover fund performance and fundraising success by firms across a range of private markets investment strategies – including buyout, growth, fund of funds, secondaries, co-investment, debt, real estate and real assets. The service provider categories span all the key areas of the broader private equity industry.

The pre-selection data for the fund manager shortlisted was provided by Bloomberg. Candidates in all categories and asset size groupings were determined as follows:

Best Fundraising Funds:

- Manager located in Europe (they have a main, physical office presence in Europe)
- Fund vintage year in [2019, 2020, 2021]
- Fund is currently [Fundraising, Fundraising & Investing]
- Fund Size (amount fundraised) has achieved at least 50% of its stated target (i.e. for a target size of \$50m, the fund has raised at least \$25m)
- Open-Ended Funds are Excluded

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Monetary amounts are converted to USD based upon the Mid-Price as of the reported date.

Best Performing Funds:

- Manager located in Europe (they have a main, physical office presence in Europe)
- Fund vintage year in [2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019]
- Fund is currently ['Fundraising & Investing', 'Investing', 'Harvesting']
- Net IRR reported in the past 42 months (After "2019-06-31")
- Open-Ended Funds are Excluded

IRRs are reported by various Limited Partners – actual performance may vary between individual investors.

Data is collected and aggregated from multiple sources, including but not limited to Annual/Quarterly Investment Reports, Board Meeting Minutes, Freedom of Information requests, SEC and other regulatory filings, Press Releases & News reports, and direct data contributions from relevant parties.

Bloomberg's Private Equity platform offers tools for fundraising, fund analysis, GP due diligence, and investment monitoring – as well as tools for fundraising, fund performance analysis, deal sourcing, and due diligence as well as research reports and industry-specific data sets.

For the **service provider categories**, the nominated firms are based on a widespread survey of more than 100 GPs and other key industry participants.

The winners are:

MANAGERS

Best Overall Fundraising: Venture Capital II – AXA-Venture Capital (AXA-Venture Capital II)

Best Overall Fundraising: Secondary – EURAZEO

Best Overall Fundraising: Real Estate – INVESCO Real Estate (Invesco Real Estate-European Value Add Fund II Scsp)

Best Overall Fundraising: Real Assets – Climate Fund Managers B.V.

Best Overall Fundraising: Fund of Funds – Arcano Capital

Best Overall Fundraising: Debt – NIAM Credit (NIAM Credit Capital Fund III)

Best Overall Fundraising: Coinvestment – Golding Capital Partners GmbH (Golding Buyout Co-Investment 2020 SCS SICAV-FIAR)

Best Fundraising: Large Cap Buyout – CapMan Oyj (CapMan Special Situations Fund)

Best Fundraising: Mid Cap Buyout – Ergon Capital (Ergon Capital Partners V SCSp)

Best Overall Fundraising: Emerging Markets – Incofin Investment Management (India Progress Fund)

Best Performance Over \$2.5bn: Buyout – Apax Partners

Best Performance Under \$2.5bn: Buyout – Summa Equity Fund II

Best Performance Over \$1.5bn: Debt – Permira Credit

Best Performance Under \$1.5bn: Debt – Blantyre Capital

Best Performance Over \$500m: Fund of Funds – LGT Capital Partners AG (Crown Asia-Pacific Private Equity IV PLC)

Best Performance Under \$500m: Fund of Funds – Schroders Capital (Schroders Capital Private Equity Global Innovation X)

Best Overall Performance: Growth – Inflexion

Best Performance Over \$1bn: Real Estate – Tristan Capital Partners LLP (European Property Investors Special Opportunities 5 SCSp-SICAV-SIF)

Best Performance Under \$1bn: Real Estate – Paloma Capital LLP (Paloma Real Estate Fund)

Best Performance Over \$1.5bn: Secondary – Ardian

Best Performance Under \$1.5B: Secondary – abrdn Private Equity (SL Capital SOF II LP)

Best Venture Fund Performance (Under \$1bn) – Northzone Ventures Sweden AB (Northzone VIII LP)

Best Venture Fund Performance (Under \$250m) – Wellington Partners GmbH (Wellington Partners Life Sciences V GmbH & Co KG)

Best Performance Over \$1.5bn: Real Asset – Antin Infrastructure



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Partners SASV (Antin Infrastructure Partners III LP)
Best Performance Under \$1.5bn: Real Asset – Equitix Ltd (Equitix Fund IV LP)

SERVICE PROVIDERS

Best Accounting and Reporting Solution – AssetMetrix
Best Audit Firm - Middle Market – PwC
Best Audit Firm – Overall – Deloitte
Best Audit Firm - Start-Ups – Centralis
Best Cloud Services Provider – Options IT
Best Cyber Security Provider – RFA
Best Data Management Solution – Quantum Technology
Best Data Provider - ESG – KEY ESG
Best Data Provider - Overall – DealEdge
Best Deal Origination Technology – DealCloud by Intapp
Best Deal Advisory Firm – Alvarez & Marsal
Best ESG Advisory – EcoVadis
Best ESG Rating Provider – Sustainable1
Best ESG Solution Provider – Dasseti
Best Foreign Exchange Solution – Alpha Group
Best Fund Administrator - ESG – Apax Partners
Best Fund Administrator - Private Debt – Alter Domus
Best Fund Administrator – Technology – Opus Fund Services
Best Fund Administrator (GP's with assets <\$30Bn) – Pictet
Best Fund Administrator (GP's with assets >\$30Bn) – IQ-EQ
Best Fund Financing Solution – 17Capital
Best Fundraising Solution – Atominvest
Best GP Incentive Platform – EWM Global
Best Insurance Service Provider – Lockton
Best Investor Relations Technology – SS&C Intralinks
Best Law Firm - Fund Domicile – Ogier
Best Law Firm - Fund Structuring – Addleshaw Goddard
Best Law Firm - Overall – Reed Smith
Best Law Firm - Transactions – Taylor Wessing
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Best ODD Solution – DiligenceVault
Best Placement Agent – Asante Capital Group
Best Portfolio Management Software – FIS
Best PR & Communications Agency – BackBay Communications
Best Recruitment Company for Investor Relations & Asset Raising – Jensen Partners
Best Recruitment Company for Operations & Finance – Heidrick & Struggles
Best Regulatory & Compliance Firm – KROLL
Best Regulatory & Compliance Technology – Allvue Systems
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