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BUCHAREST STOCK EXCHANGE ANNOUNCES THE WINNERS OF THE CAPITAL MARKET AWARDS AT THE INAUGURATION OF 2018 STOCK EXCHANGE YEAR

- BVB and its partners handed 19 awards during this year's edition of the Inauguration of the Stock Exchange Year, which was held at the Romanian Athenaeum
- Adrian Tănase, BVB CEO: More and more private companies have started going public and this creates the premises for the development of the stock exchange
- Lucian Anghel, BVB President: 2017 was a great year for the Romanian stock exchange, which saw IPOs of over RON 1 billion and a good dynamic for corporate bonds

About 600 representatives of the capital market, financial industry and entrepreneurs attended one of the most important events of the year for the capital market in Romania. [Bucharest Stock Exchange \(BVB\)](http://www.bvb.ro) announced the winners of the Capital Market Awards at the Inauguration of the Stock Exchange Year 2018. This year, Bucharest Stock Exchange and its partners handed 19 awards, out of which four were voted by the public, who had cast about 3,000 valid votes on the dedicated website: www.isey.ro. The fifth edition of the Gala took place this year at the Romanian Athenaeum.

"I started my mandate in a favorable context. More and more private companies have started going public and this creates the premises for the development of the stock exchange. I am pleased to see that more and more managers and entrepreneurs are considering listing on the stock exchange to develop their companies," said Adrian Tănase, BVB CEO.

The awards given away at the Gala mirror the performance of the companies and their key representatives during the previous year.

"2017 was a great year for the Romanian stock exchange, both in terms of IPOs and bonds issuances. Four IPOs exceeding RON 1 billion took place and the corporate bonds sector had a very strong dynamic. For investors, the returns obtained from the 25 most liquid companies included in the BET-XT-TR index, which includes dividends, amounted to 24% in one single year," said Lucian Anghel, President of the Board of Governors of BVB.

The winners of the capital market awards handed at the Inauguration Gala of 2018 Stock Exchange year are:

1. Capital market institution of 2017: MedLife
2. The biggest increase of share price for a company listed in 2017 on the Main Market: Sphera Franchise Group
3. The biggest IPO of a private company on BVB in 2017: Digi Communications N.V.

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4. The issuer with the largest total bonds offers value in 2017 on BVB: UniCredit Bank
5. The first Euro-denominated bond issuance on BVB in 2017: International Investment Bank
6. The most traded stock on the Main Market in 2017 (by value): Banca Transilvania
7. The biggest increase in 2017 of share price for a BET index company: Nuclearelectrica
8. The biggest increase in 2017 of share price for a company on the Main Market: Turbomecanica
9. The issuer with the most active usage in 2017 of capital market financing opportunities: Bittnet
10. BVB member with the largest traded value for structured products in 2017: BCR
11. The custodian bank of the year 2017, special award given by BVB and Central Depository: Citi
12. BVB member with the largest traded value of equities in 2017: Wood & Company
13. The brokerage firm of the Romanian entrepreneurial companies on BVB in 2017: Goldring
14. The promotion of the stock option plan among employees in 2017: SIF Moldova
15. Personality of the year 2017 on the Romanian capital market: Mariana Gheorghe
16. Best Communication and IR strategy in 2017 of a listed company listate (*voted by the public*): Banca Transilvania
17. Best brokerage firm for retail in 2017 (*voted by the public*): BT Capital Partners
18. Best educational initiative in capital markets in 2017 (*voted by the public*): Olimpiada Micilor Bancheri, APPE
19. Best [InvestingRomania](#) analyst in 2017 (*voted by the public*): Irina Răilean, analyst Banca Transilvania

The Inauguration of the Stock Exchange Year, which reached its fifth edition in 2018, is a yearly event organized by Bucharest Stock Exchange. The Gala is one of the benchmark events on the Romanian capital market, which marks the beginning of a new investment year and awards the achievements of the previous year.

The 2018 edition of the Inauguration of the Stock Exchange Year is supported by the GOLD Partners: : [MedLife](#), [Vimetco Alro](#), [BCR](#), [BDO Romania](#), [Citi](#), [Casa de Avocatura Ionescu Sava](#), [Purcari Wineries](#), [Sphera Franchise Group](#), [Banca Transilvania](#), [Nuclearelectrica](#) and [Depozitarul Central](#), the SILVER Partners: [Electrica](#), [Mazars](#), [PeliFilip](#), [KPMG](#), [Raiffeisen Bank](#) and [BRD – Groupe Societe Generale](#). Media Partners of the event: [DIGI24](#), [AGERPRES](#), [Radio Romania Actualitati](#), [New Money](#), [FinancialMarket.ro](#), [Media Trust](#) and [Wall-Street.ro](#).

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