

## **Quoted Companies Alliance conference to debate key issue: how to fuel growth for the UK's small and mid-size quoted companies**

The Quoted Companies Alliance, the independent membership organisation that champions the interests of small to mid-size quoted companies, will highlight the vital role that UK's engines of growth – small and mid-size quoted companies – play in growth creation at its annual conference this year. The conference – *Engineering Growth for Small and Mid-Size Quoted Companies* – is taking place on 24 June 2014 in London at the Grange St Paul's Hotel.

Now in its third year, the conference will bring together companies, investors, and advisors to hear from experts and business leaders, network and discuss key issues affecting the sector, including steps to enhance UK public equity markets, tips for meetings with institutional investors and building better boards.

The opening keynote speaker, Matthew Hancock MP, Minister of State for Skills and Enterprise, will be interviewed by Kamal Ahmed, BBC Business Editor, focusing on what the Government is doing to fuel the engines of growth and further promote equity as a financing option for growing companies. The afternoon keynote speakers include Jon Moulton, Non-Executive Director of finnCap and Founder of Better Capital, and Luke Johnson, Chairman of Risk Capital Partners.

The event features both panel sessions and interactive breakout sessions with speakers from the UK's business community, which include:

- Alexander Justham, Chief Executive Officer, London Stock Exchange plc;
- Giles Hargreave, Chairman & CEO, Hargreave Hale Limited;
- Mats Isaksson, Head of Corporate Affairs, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD);
- Andrew Buchanan, Fund Manager, Octopus Investments;
- Mark Niznik, Fund Manager, Artemis Investment Management;
- Deborah Gilshan, Corporate Governance Counsel, RPMI Railpen; and
- Chris Hodge, Director of Strategy, The Financial Reporting Council.

There is no other one day event that focuses specifically on small and mid-size quoted companies and their opportunities for growth. Delegates get an exclusive opportunity to network with colleagues and peers in

12 June 2014

the small and mid-size quoted company sector and meet politicians, investors and regulators. It also provides company directors with an opportunity to share experiences and reach out to the business media.

The Engineering Growth for Small and Mid-Size Quoted Companies event is supported by leading professional firms in the small and mid-size quoted company sector. The headline sponsors are accountants Crowe Clark Whitehill LLP, market makers Winterflood Securities Ltd and ratings provider Standard & Poor's Ratings Services. The supporting sponsors are YouGov plc, Zeus Capital and ICAP Securities and Derivatives Exchange (IDEX).

Tim Ward, Chief Executive of the Quoted Companies Alliance, comments: "The Quoted Companies Alliance's annual conference brings together the small and mid-size quoted company sector. In addition to showing the influence and potential of our sector, this event covers the latest issues that company directors and their advisors should be considering and provides a forum to debate how the Government can further fuel sustainable growth in the UK."

More information about the conference and tickets are available on the Quoted Companies Alliance's website at: <http://www.theqca.com/events/annual-events/conference-2014/>

- Ends -

**Contact:**

The Quoted Companies Alliance:  
Kate Jalbert, Head of Policy & Communications  
[kate.jalbert@theqca.com](mailto:kate.jalbert@theqca.com)

+44 (0)20 7600 3745

**Notes to editors:**

1. We have a limited number of press passes available for the event. Please contact [kate.jalbert@theqca.com](mailto:kate.jalbert@theqca.com) if you are interested.
2. Please note the speakers and schedule are subject to change. A full list of speakers is available at: <http://www.theqca.com/events/annual-events/conference-2014/>
3. The Quoted Companies Alliance is the independent membership organisation that champions the interests of small to mid-size quoted companies. We campaign, we inform and we interact to help our members keep their businesses ahead. Through our activities, we ensure that our influence always creates impact for our members. For more information please visit [www.theqca.com](http://www.theqca.com).