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New award for venture capitalists

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SUCCESSFUL venture capitalists and private equity investors will now get their share of the spotlight with the launch of a new award.

The Singapore Venture Capital & Private Equity Association (SVCA) has created the SVCA Annual Awards and a SVCA Hall of Fame to showcase successful players and investments as well as to encourage participants in the sector to continually raise the industry bar.

"Because of the nature of our investments, not many investors are aware that the local VC and PE industry is active and growing," said Eugene Wong, chairman of SVCA. "In reality, VC and PE has become an important asset class in Singapore and an important economic driver. Investments, deal flow and deal sizes are continuing to increase in Singapore and the region."

The five industry veterans who have been inducted into the inaugural SVCA Hall of Fame are: Timothy Chia (former director of PAMA Group and now chairman of Hup Soon Global Corp and UBS Asia); Lee Kheng Nam (president and director of global venture capital firm Vertex Management and chairman of Vertex Venture Holdings); Christopher Leong (Transpac Capital co-founder and president); Tan Keng Boon (managing director of South East Asia Venture Investment (SEAVI) and founding president of the SVCA); and Anil Thadani (chairman of Symphony Asia Holdings, which advises the London-listed Symphony International Holdings).

Each of them have spent more than 20 years in the region's venture capital/private equity sector. As members of the SVCA Hall of Fame, they will also serve as mentors to the SVCA community.

"These Hall of Fame inductees were selected for their role in shaping the industry, their contri-

In the running

Finalists for SVCA Annual Awards 2010

NO	NAME OF VC/PE COMPANY	NAME OF INVESTEE COMPANY
Best Performing VC/PE-Backed Company (Category A)		
1.	Upstream Ventures & Tigris Capital	AllProperty Media Pte Ltd
2.	Upstream Ventures	Tagit Pte Ltd
3.	Sirius Angel Fund & Spring Singapore	Transmex Systems International Pte Ltd
Best Performing VC/PE-Backed Company (Category B)		
4.	3i Group	Asia Capital Reinsurance Group
5.	3V SourceOne Capital & Spring Singapore	EQUVO Pte Ltd
6.	iGlobe Partners	Telenav, Inc
Best Exit (Category A)		
7.	Sirius Angel Fund	e-Fusion Pte Ltd
8.	3V SourceOne Capital	Sino TechFibre Ltd
9.	Vickers Financial Group	Cambridge Real Estate Investment Management Pte Ltd
Best Exit (Category B)		
10.	Southern Capital Group	Novomatrix Pte Ltd
11.	Symphony Capital Partners	Parkway Holdings Ltd

Source: Singapore Venture Capital and Private Equity Association

butions to the VC/PE scene, and their dedication in partnering with entrepreneurs to establish successful, enduring companies," said Mr Wong.

The list of finalists for the dif-

ferent categories in the SVCA Annual Award is also out. The winners will be announced at the SVCA gala dinner and awards ceremony, to be held at the Shangri-La Hotel next Tuesday.