



PRESS RELEASE

Innovative green and ethical investment platform wins 'Sustainable Finance' Award

London, 28 March 2014 – UKSIF member Abundance Generation has been named as the winner of the Sustainable Finance category of the Sustainable City Awards 2013-14. Resonance Limited's Real Lettings Property Fund (RLPF) received the 'highly commended' award. The winning entries were announced and celebrated at an awards ceremony held at Mansion House last night, 27 March 2014.

Abundance Generation is an online retail finance business, which has created an innovative regulatory structure that allows anyone in the community and wider UK public to invest in renewable energy projects with a minimum investment of only £5. Using a low cost model, operating through an internet platform, investors can follow all the news on their projects and get real-time updates on electricity generated and money earned. Please visit www.abundancegeneration.com for more information.

Resonance Limited's Real Lettings Property Fund (RLPF) is a landmark investment fund developed by Resonance Limited and homelessness charity Broadway, in response to a growing failure in the rental housing market resulting in rising numbers of people at risk of being homeless in London. Please visit www.resonance.ltd.uk for more information.

Ecology Building Society, Impax Asset Management and Schroder Investment Management were the runners-up, having all been shortlisted as innovative contributions for the Sustainable Finance Category.

An expert judging panel tasked with collectively deciding on the winner and highly commended entry for this year's 'Sustainable Finance' award featured Kieron Boyle, Head of Social Investment and Finance at the Cabinet Office, Emma Howard Boyd, Sustainable Investment and Governance Director at Jupiter Asset Management, and Lauren Iannarone, Head of Citizenship at Barclays, together with the Chairman of the Policy and Resources Committee of the City of London Mark Boleat who chaired the panel.

UKSIF has worked in partnership with the City of London to deliver the 'Sustainable Finance' category of the Sustainable City Awards since 2007. The 'Sustainable Finance' category focuses on innovation in the sustainable investment and finance industry, advancing sustainability through financial services with demonstrated positive impact.

Simon Howard, Chief Executive of UKSIF said:

“In a world of increasing resource scarcity and environmental uncertainty, innovation and strong leadership in sustainable finance is vital to encourage a thriving and resilient UK economy. Congratulations to Abundance Generation and all those who were shortlisted.”

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About the UK Sustainable Investment and Finance Association (UKSIF)

The UK Sustainable Investment and Finance Association (UKSIF) supports the UK finance sector as a global leader in advancing sustainable development through financial services. We promote and support responsible investment and other forms of finance that advance sustainable economic development, enhance quality of life and safeguard the environment. Founded in 1991, UKSIF has over 250 members including pension funds, asset managers, research providers, financial advisers, banks and non-governmental organisations. For more information, please visit www.uksif.org

About Sustainable City Awards

The City of London first launched the Awards in 2001 and they have grown to become the UK’s foremost sustainability awards scheme. The Awards recognise and reward outstanding achievement in sustainable development by businesses, public sector and voluntary organisations which span twelve categories – from Sustainable Food, to Greening the Third Sector. Winners and highly commended entries from the categories are also in the running to win the Leadership in Sustainability award for the organisation which best demonstrates leadership in sustainability and the Sustainable City Awards Overall Winner. Furthermore, the Awards act as a national feeder scheme for the European Business Awards for the Environment, giving all winners the chance of international recognition.

Further information on the Sustainable City Awards, can be found at: www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/sca.