

Press release

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Franco-British Business Awards 2016: French Chamber reveals the winners

Held under the high patronage and in the presence of HE Ms Sylvie Bermann, French Ambassador to the UK, and HE Lord Llewellyn, British Ambassador to France, and organised by the French Chamber of Great Britain, the winners of the Franco-British Business Awards 2016 were presented to:

- **Theodo** for the Start-up & SME Award
- **EDF Energy** for the Large Corporate Award
- **PwC** for the French Chamber's Award
- **Devialet** for the Coup de Cœur.

These Awards recognise the achievements and innovative spirit of French and British companies, and encourage the further development of cross-Channel trade and investment. France is already the third-largest investor in the UK and has a £12.2bn trade surplus with Britain.

Commenting on the Awards, Estelle Brachlianoff, President of the French Chamber and Senior Executive Vice President of Veolia UK & Ireland, said: 'Congratulations to the winners, who showcase the very best of Franco-British business. These Awards reflect the French Chamber's commitment to sharing best practice and building strong cross-Channel working relationships. May these awards which are going from strength to strength year-on-year, continue to reflect our flourishing Franco-British businesses for many years to come.'

Following the presentation by the shortlisted companies, the panel of judges (below) commented on the quality and achievement of the companies participating in this year's Franco-British Awards.

Chaired by Stephen Burgin, *VP Europe GE Power Strategic Account, and Deputy-President of the French Chamber*, the judging panel included, by alphabetical order:

- Peter Alfandary, *Head of French Team, Reed Smith LLP and Senior Vice President, French Chamber*
- Sébastien Carbon, *Deputy Managing Director, Business France*
- Florence Gomez, *Managing Director, French Chamber*
- Philippe Guyonnet-Dupérat, *Financial Counsellor, French Embassy to the UK*
- Patrick Manon, *Managing Director, Business France*
- Kevin Monserrat, *Chief Marketing Officer, Microsoft Accelerator London*
- Arnaud de Montille, *Co-Founder, Merci Maman*
- François Monville, *Managing Partner, Mazars*
- Olivier Morel, *Partner & Head of International Corporate Investment, Cripps LLP and President of the French Foreign Trade Advisors in the UK*
- Nicolas Petrovic, *Chief Executive Officer, Eurostar International*

The 17th edition of the Franco-British Business Awards was sponsored by Eurostar and Mazars, with Business France and Colas Rail as supporting sponsors.

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