

PRESS RELEASE

FRANCO-BRITISH BUSINESS AWARDS 26 NOVEMBER 2013

Paris, 27 November 2013 – Leading French and British companies stole the limelight at the Franco-British Business Awards (FBBA) ceremony, held at the Marriott Champs-Élysées.

Held under the Patronage of HE Sir Peter Ricketts, British Ambassador to France and HE Mr Bernard Emié, French Ambassador to the UK, the FBBA 2013 recognised:

- **Talentia Software** for the SME/Entrepreneur Award
- **Aveva** for the Innovation Creation and Design Award
- **Alstom** for the Large Corporate Award
- **EY** for the Jury's Special Award

Co-organised by the Franco-British Chamber of Commerce & Industry and the French Chamber of Commerce in Great Britain, the awards give recognition to companies that have performed extremely well over the past few years and developed their business on either side of the Channel.

The 13th edition of the FBBA was made possible by the support of key business partners: Barclays, Eurostar, Invest in France, London & Partners and UK Trade & Investment (UKTI)

A summary of The Franco-British Chamber of Commerce & Industry:

The Franco-British Chamber of Commerce and Industry is the main voice of the Franco-British business community in France.

Since 1873, its mission is to:

- Promote and help British companies to get settled in France,
- Help its members when developing and promoting their activity in France and Great Britain,
- Provide French and British companies with information and expertise via its network of specialists.

Today, the Chamber is a national business network (with delegations in Corrèze, Dordogne, Normandy and PACA - Mediterranean Anglo American Business Network), generating business for its 700 members, of which the majority are SMEs.

The Franco-British Chamber of Commerce and Industry is member of the Council of British Chambers of Commerce in Europe (COBCOE), which represents 40 Chambers in Europe.

A summary of the French Chamber of Commerce in Great Britain:

The French Chamber of Commerce in Great Britain is part of a network of 111 French Chambers of Commerce and Industry Abroad (UCCIFE), which is the largest private French network in the world with a combined membership base of more than 30,000 companies.

The largest Foreign Chamber in the UK today in terms of both turnover and range of services offered as well as one of the top French Chambers worldwide, we count 600 member companies - ranging from SMEs and entrepreneurs to blue chip companies. The diversity and quality of our members - 50% of which are non-French nationals - largely contributes to our success and to the reputation we have acquired over the last 130 years of existence.

Our main aims are to provide a platform for exchange and networking at the service of Franco-British firms in the UK, to promote our 600 members' interests to key decision makers and to help develop economic and commercial relations between France and the UK. Our Business Consultancy, Company Set up and Recruitment services provide both British and French companies with a large range of bespoke professional services.

The 50 events we organise every year, with personalities from the British and French political and business worlds, offer great opportunities for our members to develop their business and expand their network of contacts.

Additionally, our Forums, focusing on issues such as Human Resources, Cross-Cultural Relations, Economic, Financial and Legal, as well as our Luxury Club, offer our members dedicated platforms to exchange experiences at the highest level of management and to share best practices.

We take pride in the quality of our various publications, including our bimestrial magazine INFO, distributed to key decision makers, our members' directory, our business guides or e-newsletters. They all provide a wealth of information, help promote the interests of the Franco-British business community and provide extra visibility to our member companies.

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