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The 2016 global **Commodity Business Awards** have been announced. Hosted by Commodities Now, the awards are being bestowed as follows:

### **Commodity Business Award Winners 2016**

#### ***Commodity Trading, Risk Management & Portfolio Management – Rewarding Excellence in:***

- Energy Markets: **BNP Paribas**
- Industrial Metals: **INTL FCStone**
- Precious Metals: **Macquarie Bank**
- Agricultural & Softs Markets: **Macquarie Bank**
- Emission Markets: **EDF Trading**
- Renewable Energy: **New Energy Solutions / Statoil**
- Traded Commodity Markets (across all products): **INTL FCStone**

#### ***Commodity Market Development – Rewarding Excellence in:***

- Risk Exposure Mitigation: **EFETnet** [Electronic Regulatory Reporting (eRR)]
- Finance & Structured Products: **Citi Commodity Trade Finance**
- Market Policy & Advisory: **Baringa Partners**
- CTRM Software: **OpenLink**
- Data Management: **ZE PowerGroup**
- Commodity Supply Chain Management: **Brady plc**
- Trading & Operations Technology: **Nodal Clear**
- Commodities, Legal: **Clyde & Co**

#### ***Commodity Transactions Management – Announcing:***

##### **Commodity Deal of the Year 2016**

VTB Group [Kazakhstan Aluminium Smelter (KAS) deal]

##### **Commodity Broker of the Year 2016**

ICAP

##### **Commodity Exchange of the Year 2016**

Nodal Exchange

##### **Commodity Research House of the Year 2016**

INTL FCStone

##### **Commodity House of the Year 2016**

Macquarie



2016 was a year of surprises for commodity markets. The long downtrend that started in 2011 and provided the catalyst for large-scale supply adjustments and rigorous cost cutting programmes finally translated into higher prices and natural resource company valuations, creating some robust returns.

The uptick in spot prices also reignited investor interest and brought capital back into the system. Commodity assets under management accelerated strongly as global manufacturing activity expanded.

Political surprises on both sides of the Atlantic also added to the volatility seen in markets while the OPEC deal later in the year put a floor (at least for now) on oil prices. The global regulatory environment is also in play once again with some established practices and changes to legislation in doubt. These challenges will continue to dominate markets moving forwards.

“The high level of complexity and uncertainty attached to these key political and economic developments means that boards will need to continue to undertake comprehensive reviews of their approaches to risk management,” said Guy Isherwood, Awards Director and Publisher/Editor of Commodities Now.

All those with a stake in this industry rely on those organisations represented here to make sense of and to manage these markets – efficiently, profitably and responsibly. They are the best-in-class of the commodity business community,” Isherwood concludes.

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**NOTES:**

**The Commodity Business Awards: A two-stage process**

Stage 1: The first stage for nominations concluded in December 2016. Companies from throughout the commodity complex were invited to nominate themselves or others in any one of the 20 categories of excellence.

Stage 2: The second stage took place during January/February 2017 and involved voting at the dedicated Commodity Business Awards website for one of the shortlisted nominees from each category drawn up by the awards panel. Votes were then counted, and in conjunction with the strength of each nomination and the views of the awards panel, winners were chosen.

Full information on the awards and the awards process is available at the website:  
[www.commoditybusinessawards.com](http://www.commoditybusinessawards.com)

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