

BigBasket, Janalakshmi, Delhivery among winners of VCCircle Awards 2016

Aventus and AZB get awards for best I-bank and law firm, respectively.

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Online supermarket BigBasket, microlender Janalakshmi Financial Services and logistics firm Delhivery Pvt Ltd have emerged among the winners of VCCircle Awards 2016 declared on Wednesday in Mumbai.

Aventus Capital won the award for the investment banker of the year while AZB & Partners triumphed among law firms.

The fifth edition of VCCircle Annual Awards, which recognises the best-performing private equity or venture capital-backed companies and transaction advisors, was held at Taj Land End, Mumbai.

The award function was attended by top entrepreneurs, CEOs, fund managers and other industry stalwarts.

The awards are given to the most

outstanding companies that not only record tremendous growth but also have a long-standing impact on their respective industries and the economy in general. The best intermediaries in private equity transactions - investment banks and law firms - are honoured as well.

This year, a five-member jury of industry veterans and long-time watchers of businesses judged the winners after evaluating them on a variety of qualitative and quantitative parameters such as financial performance, growth, brand salience, management quality and return on capital employed.

The jury was chaired by Roopa Kudva, managing director at Omidyar Network India Advisors. The other four members were Anjali Bansal, partner at TPG; Ireena Vittal, an expert on Indian agriculture and urban change; Gopal Srinivasan, chairman and managing director at TVS Capital Funds Ltd; and Valerie Rozycki Wagoner, founder and CEO at ZipDial and also senior director of growth at Twitter.

Here is the list of winners:

Consumer Internet Company of the Year

Winner: Supermarket Grocery Supplies Pvt Ltd (BigBasket.com)

Other nominees: A and A Dukaan Financial Services Pvt Ltd (BankBazaar.com), Clues Network Pvt Ltd (Shopclues.com), ETechAces Marketing and Consulting Pvt Ltd (PolicyBazaar.com)

Education Company of the Year

Winner: Think and Learn Pvt Ltd (BYJU's)

Other nominees: Edutel Technologies Pvt Ltd, Ace Creative Learning Pvt Ltd and TalentSprint Pvt Ltd

Financial Services Company of the Year

Winner: Janalakshmi Financial Services Pvt Ltd

Other nominees: PNB Housing Finance Ltd and Utkarsh Micro Finance Pvt Ltd

Healthcare Company of the Year

Winner: Rainbow Children's Medicare Pvt Ltd

Other nominees: Mewar Hospitals Pvt Ltd and Aster DM Healthcare Pvt Ltd

Startup of the Year

Winner: Delhivery Pvt Ltd

Other nominees: Urban Ladder Home Decor Solutions Pvt Ltd and Supermarket Grocery Supplies Pvt Ltd

Jury Special Award for Innovative Business Model of the year

Winner: Star AgriWarehousing and Collateral Management Ltd

Investment Bank of the Year for Private Equity/Venture Capital

Winner: Avendus Capital Pvt Ltd

Other nominees: Ernst & Young Pvt Ltd and o3 Capital Global Advisory Pvt Ltd

Law Firm of the Year

Winner: AZB & Partners

Other nominees: Induslaw, Khaitan and Co. LLP and J Sagar Associates

Deal Maker of the Year

Winner: Jai Pharma Ltd-Mylan Inc

Other nominees: Gavis Pharmaceuticals LLC-Lupin Ltd and One 97 Communications Ltd-Alibaba Group Holdings

Exit of the Year

Winner: Mankind Pharma Ltd-ChrysCapital IV LLC

Other nominees: Just Dial Ltd-Tiger Global Management LLC and PVR Ltd-L Capital Asia I

Best Fund Raiser - Private Equity

Winner: Indium Fund V - India Value Fund Advisors Pvt Ltd

Other nominees: Everstone Capital Partners III LP - Everstone Capital Management and India 2020 Fund II - Lighthouse Advisors

India Pvt Ltd

Best Fund Raiser - Venture Capital

Winner: Kalaari Capital Partners III LLC - Kalaari Capital Advisors Pvt Ltd

Other nominees: Aspada Fund I - Aspada Investment Advisors Pvt Ltd

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