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PRESS RELEASE:

Stefan Scharff wins the Thomson Reuters Analyst Award 2017 for European Real Estate as Top Stock Picker

SRC Research is very delighted to inform you that our Founder and Managing Director, Diplom-Kaufmann Stefan Scharff, wins the Thomson Reuters Analyst Award 2017 in the category "European Real Estate" as "Top Stock Picker of the Year".

Stefan studied Business Administration at the Mainz Gutenberg University and the University of California, Berkeley. With 25 years he started to work as an equity analyst. With 30 years, in 2003, he founded SRC Research as a bank independent analysts' house focused on listed real estate and financial services firms from German speaking Europe. Since 2008 he is also a Certified Real Estate Investment Analyst (CREA) of German Association of Investment Professionals and the Regensburg IREBS Business School.

The 44 years old expert from Darmstadt came out on top of 69 European Real Estate Analysts delivering an Absolute Return of his recommendations of 29% in 2016. He is only the second German bringing this valuable award to his country.

Stefan prevailed with these 6 stock recommendations from 3 countries:

- VIB Vermögen (Germany)
- EYEMAXX Real Estate (Germany)
- CA Immo (Austria)
- conwert Immobilien (Austria)
- S IMMO (Austria)
- Peach Property Group (Switzerland)

The SRC Research Team as well as Patrick Fournier and Frank Schmeichel from our Advisory Committee send the most cordial congratulations to Stefan for this fantastic achievement.

Stefan Scharff comments on his Thomson Reuters Award 2017 as follows:

"I very much care about the European real estate industry and the listed players. I am very happy that I could prevail against so many renowned colleagues in an extraordinary boom year like 2016. The above mentioned stocks performed very well and I am delighted that we did well and delivered the right recommendations. Such a great success is always a Team Play. Thus, I have to say Thank You to many people for this great support.

In particular I am very happy that a bank independent house has won this award. The topic bank independent equity research is on the rise and this is the right trend in my opinion. The MiFID II regulation for banks from 2018 on will probably fuel this trend."



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