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The Bucharest Stock Exchange awards the performers of the 2021 stock market year, a record year in terms of the value of transactions, stock market financing, and capitalization of listed Romanian companies

- **17 awards were given to the companies operating on the stock market, intermediaries, fund and pension administrators for the performances they registered during the 2021 stock market year.**
- **The Romanian capital market witnessed in 2021 one of the best years in its history and posted a series of new all-time highs for several indicators.**

During the BVB Awards ceremony organized today, February 17th, The [Bucharest Stock Exchange \(BVB\)](#) gave 17 awards in recognition for the results obtained in 2021 by the best listed companies, brokerage companies, private pension funds or investment funds. The 2021 performance award took place after the Romanian Stock Exchange ended 2021 with new all-time highs, including a new peak for the average daily liquidity for all types of financial instruments (RON 79.4 million), while the value of transactions with all financial instruments broke the threshold of RON 20 billion, and the capitalization of local companies listed on both markets reached the highest level in history, respectively RON 160 billion. Also, 23 companies were listed on the stock exchange in 2021 and they attracted funding of EUR 234 million, while the value of the 45 issues of bonds and government securities listed last year exceeded EUR 1.8 billion.

“The number and value of financing rounds carried out through the capital market made headlines last year in the business publications and not only, and now the time has come to reward all these performances. These awards are symbolic, the real awards were received on the occasion of each listing, each successful private placement, public offering, and were offered



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directly by all those who are part of this ecosystem called the capital market. I congratulate the winners for everything they have achieved in 2021 and I am convinced that together we will continue to support the financing of the Romanian economy and companies,” said Radu Hanga, President of the Bucharest Stock Exchange.

“The awards we give today are a recognition of the performance achieved in a year when novelty, innovation, and change meant business as usual. We closed 2021 with new companies on the stock exchange, new financial instruments available to investors, more retail investors, and a greater openness of the population to stock market investments. We maintain our goal of increasing liquidity and growing the weight of the stock market in the economy. We have very good premises, and we rely on a high interest expressed by companies to get financing through the stock market,” stated Adrian Tanase, CEO of the Bucharest Stock Exchange.

Out of the 17 awards, one was set by a public vote between February 1st and 13th for **The best journalist reporting on capital markets in 2021**. For the second time in a row, **The best communication with journalists of a listed company** was presented, an award set by a jury of journalists covering the field of capital markets, voting based on their experience and interaction with the listed companies.

The 17 awards given for the performances recorded in 2021 are:

Nr.	Category	Winner
1.	The largest initial public offering of an entrepreneurial company in 2021	Aquila Part Prod Com
2.	The most traded share on BVB’s Main Market in 2021	Banca Transilvania
3.	The most traded share on the AeRO market in 2021	Safetech Innovations
4.	The highest return for investors of a BET-XT company in 2021	BRK Financial Group
5.	The issuer with the largest increase in liquidity in 2021	TeraPlast
6.	The brokerage company of the year 2021	Swiss Capital
7.	The most active intermediary for increasing liquidity in 2021	BRK Financial Group
8.	The intermediary of the entrepreneurial companies on the AeRO market in 2021	TradeVille
9.	The most active intermediary on both BVB markets in 2021	BT Capital Partners
10.	Capital market innovation award in 2021	Autonom Services
11.	Award for the implementation and promotion of green financing on the capital market in 2021	Raiffeisen Bank
12.	Award for the implementation and promotion of green financing on the capital market in 2021	BCR
13.	The best performing private pension fund Pillar II	Generali Pensii
14.	The best performing private pension fund Pillar III	Allianz-Tiriac Pensii Private
15.	The best performing local investment fund in 2021	OTP Asset Management
16.	The best journalist reporting on capital markets in 2021	Liviu Popescu, Ziarul Financiar

17.	The best communication with journalists of a listed company. The financial press award	TeraPlast
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In order to comply with the regulations on limiting the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, this year's awards ceremony was held in a small setting. The event took place at the headquarters of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Bucharest, which hosted at the beginning of the last century the headquarters of the Bucharest Stock Exchange.

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