

## NEWS RELEASE

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| <b>Date:</b>    | Monday 25 April 2016   |
| <b>Subject:</b> | Computershare's Employee Share Plan wins 2016 GEO Award after 42% growth in membership |

Bristol, Monday 25 April 2016 – The success of Computershare's employee share plan has been recognised at this year's Global Equity Organisation (GEO) Awards.

The financial service company and global share plan provider took home the prize for 'Best Plan Effectiveness' for companies with fewer than 25,000 employees.

Naz Sarkar, Chief Executive Officer at Computershare UK, said: "Our employee share plan is crucial to Computershare's successes in engaging and rewarding our staff, and I'm delighted that we've won a GEO Award.

"Employee share plans demonstrably improve business performance, and our plan is a great way to promote our core values and lead by example as a share plan provider.

"Every Computershare employee can join the plan, and by effectively communicating its benefits to our staff, we have ensured that a large proportion take part – and value their involvement highly."

Computershare relaunched their share plan in June 2015, combining those of several recently-acquired businesses across Europe into their new 'One Plan'.

The relaunch saw 513 more employees join the plan; an increase of 42%.

Computershare matches every share bought by staff members, and the plan allows employees to retain shares, reinvest dividends and sell them easily and cost effectively.

Computershare also works with companies around the world to design and set up share plans, as well as engaging with their staff to ensure widespread and well-valued participation.

Several of Computershare's clients also took home prizes on the night, with the share plans of Unilever, SAP and Nokia all receiving awards.

In 2014 Computershare undertook research with the National Institute of Economic and Social Research (NIESR) and London School of Economics (LSE) that looked at the perceptions and behaviour of 3,800 Computershare employees across the globe.

It found that employees who take part in a company share plan take less absence, are less likely to leave, work longer hours and are more satisfied with their jobs.

The 2016 GEO Awards took place at the Boston Marriott Copley Place, in Massachusetts, USA, on Thursday 21 April 2016.

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**Notes**

1. For high resolution images of spokespeople, visit <http://cpu.vg/spokespeople>
2. The research by Computershare, NIESR and LSE can be found at [www.computershare.com/survey2014](http://www.computershare.com/survey2014)

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