

## **ANNEX I – Quotes from the Winners**

### **Best Practice Award (International)**

**Philip Yuen, Chief Executive Officer, Deloitte Southeast Asia and Singapore:**

We are very honoured to receive the Best Practice Award in the International Category. This is a testament to our focus on fulfilling our Purpose of Making an Impact. We are dedicated to helping our clients navigate and reinvent in today's evolving business landscape, and committed to developing our people into world-class leaders of the future. Our success as a professional services organisation is strongly linked to the success of our clients, our people and our community. We aim to be leaders in our profession and our society and I believe this award recognises our efforts.

As we move forward into the fourth industrial revolution, we will continue to foster strong cross-border and cross-industry collaborations, and leverage advanced technology to stay one step ahead and help our profession in Singapore develop so as to keep our nation at the forefront in the region.

### **Best Practice Award (Small & Medium Practice)**

**Precursor Assurance PAC:**

Precursor is indeed honoured and privileged to receive the Best Practice Award. This award provides a testament of our team's hard work and perseverance in upholding quality, while delivering value and service excellence to our clients.

It also reaffirms our effort to continue the journey of constantly redefining our solutions and services to empower our people, better serve our clients, elevate the profession and contribute to the community.

### **Growth Award**

#### **Crowe Singapore:**

We are thankful and deeply honoured for receiving the Growth Award from ISCA as it inspires us to continue our focus on market expansion while creating lasting value for our clients. As part of our growth strategy, we have launched several new business lines such as digital advisory services, corporate finance and valuation services in the last two years to meet the needs of our clients. While we are striving for growth, we will stay committed to providing high quality services by continually investing in our people and upholding our industry's strong professional standards. This pursuit of excellence in whatever we do is driven by our core values of caring, sharing, investing and growing.

### **Innovation Award**

#### **Max Loh, EY Asean and Singapore Managing Partner, Ernst & Young LLP:**

Innovation is about creating an organization that can leverage disruption and seize opportunities. In order to secure growth and competitive advantage for ourselves and our clients, we have been relentless in driving digital, technology and innovation over the years. We challenge ourselves to go beyond simple technology solutions to redefine who we are, what services we offer and how we deliver and think differently for our clients.

This award validates, among many aspects, our investments in disruptive technologies such as blockchain, artificial intelligence, robotic process automation and data and analytics, which we believe have the largest potential to make a positive impact on growth, efficiency and risk management. From making our audits and advice more insightful to bringing innovative solutions to the market and reimagining our workplace for greater productivity and collaboration, it's a continuous journey that we are committed to and driven by the efforts of everyone at EY.

### **People & Talent Award**

#### **Yeoh Oon Jin, Executive Chairman, PwC Singapore:**

We are both humbled and honoured to be recognised for our efforts in developing our People and Talent. This could not have been achieved without the trust and dedication of all our people and Partners, and goes to show that our people are indeed our best asset to create value for our clients as well as our source of constant innovation. This is the core focus of our suite of Flex programmes which are designed to create an open and flexible culture in PwC. It also provides a working environment that empowers each and every one of our employees to 'be themselves' by unlocking the diversity each of us brings to the workplace.

### **Best Finance Transformation Project (Private Sector)**

#### **Select Group Limited:**

Accounting Beyond Numbers.

### **Best Finance Transformation Project (Public Sector)**

#### **Accountant-General's Department:**

We are pleased and honoured to accept this award. Special thanks to the Judging Panel of the Singapore Accountancy Awards for selecting Fi@Gov.

This award provides an external affirmation of the progress that the public sector has made in our digital finance transformation journey. We are grateful to our public sector colleagues for their support. We are especially heartened that today, Fi@Gov is used by many public sector officers, from senior management to staff officers, to facilitate monitoring, analytics and decision-making.

This award gives the people in AGD great encouragement to continue on our efforts to put finance at the heart of decision-making.

**Lim Hwei Chen, Senior Director, Finance and Procurement Management Directorate, Corporate Services Division, State Courts, Singapore:**

Every transformation journey starts with a desire to improve and bring benefits to people. The State Courts' finance transformation journey was motivated by our drive to better utilise manpower resources and enhance service delivery. This led us to develop a seamless payment system that not only helped streamline the deployment of our resources, it also brought great convenience to end users. We are honoured to receive the Best Finance Transformation Project award. It inspires us to continue to innovate to improve the way we work and deliver better services to the people we serve.

**Rising Star Award – Professional Accountants in Practice**

**Tania Harsono, Audit & Assurance Manager, Deloitte Singapore:**

This award speaks volumes of the amazing mentors whom I have had the privilege of knowing throughout my career. I would not be where I am today if not for their encouragement, as well as for the opportunities that were given to me. It is an honour to receive this award which celebrates the holistic achievements of accountants – not only excellence at work, but also our contributions beyond work responsibilities. I hope that the Singapore Accountancy Awards will continue to inspire young accounting professionals to make a positive impact in the work that they do, and to give back to the community.

**Muhammad Ashiq Chu, Manager, PwC Singapore:**

As I build upon the foundation of my career in the last five years, I have been very fortunate to have been given many opportunities by PwC to learn and grow as a professional, while also being able to pursue my personal goals and passions. I have benefitted much from the support given by my mentors and peers both from within PwC and outside PwC. My hope is that the recognition given to me would inspire others that striving for excellence at work and pursuing your career and passions don't need to be mutually exclusive, and I believe that one can truly benefit from a career in the accountancy sector.



**Rising Star Award – Professional Accountants in Business**

**Chan Ying Jian, Group Chief Financial Officer, BreadTalk Group Ltd.:**

I am honoured to receive the Rising Star – Professional Accountants in Business award. Many thanks to ISCA for this recognition, especially for someone whose accounting career did not quite follow the conventional path. I would also like to express my appreciation to the Singapore Management University, whose rigorous finance and accounting training provided me with a strong career head-start; to my first employer J.P. Morgan, which taught me how to scale all kinds of learning curves; to my current employer BreadTalk Group, for taking that leap of faith in appointing a young finance professional as its Group CFO and giving me the opportunity to be immersed in all aspects of its businesses. Lastly, I thank my family members and colleagues for their unwavering trust and support, giving me the confidence and courage to keep challenging myself professionally. I look forward to making greater contributions to the accounting profession.

**Professional Accountants in Business – Highly Commended**

**Ang Jin Eng Alina, Chief Financial Officer, Chubb Insurance Singapore Limited:**

Thank you to ISCA for organizing this event. It has been truly an honor and privilege to be receiving the Rising Star (PAIB) award and most of all, it is by the grace of God that I am here today. Thank you to my family for their continued support, my team at Chubb and people that I've worked with both in the past and present. All of them have contributed so significantly to my development. I would like to specially thank Chubb for both the challenges and opportunities provided to me. I had the honor of working with great leaders who demonstrated excellence in knowledge and execution, continual learning and also humbly teaching and developing others like me. I hope to be able to live up to these standards and I look forward to future challenges and opportunities.

**Thomas Sim, Head, Salaries and Pensions, Accountant-General's Department:**

I am humbled to receive this award and am thankful for the opportunities that the public sector has given me. As an accountant in the public sector, I am privileged to have been able to represent Singapore at international forums to share our experiences in financial

management and information systems, and to support various digitalisation initiatives to help our finance community achieve efficiency gains and leverage technology to better manage risks.

In this digital age of change, accountants play an important role in helping our businesses unlock the hidden opportunities that technology brings. I believe that the Singapore Accountancy Awards will continue to encourage young accountants like us to be change agents in our respective sectors.