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## SPX Annual Awards 2025 Celebrates Excellence and Market Progress



**Suva, Fiji** – The South Pacific Stock Exchange (SPX) successfully hosted the 2025 SPX Annual Awards recently, bringing together leaders from Fiji’s business community, government, the capital markets and the private sector. The event marked the revival of the Awards after five years and celebrated outstanding achievements in corporate reporting and market development.

The Awards recognized organizations that demonstrated excellence in both financial and non-financial reporting. The close contests across multiple awards highlighted the growing maturity and commitment of organizations to high quality corporate reporting.

Speaking at the event, Hon. Esrom Immanuel, the Minister for Finance, Commerce and Business Development commended SPX for reintroducing the Awards and emphasized the important role that the capital market and corporate reporting plays in strengthening investor confidence and supporting Fiji’s economic ambitions.

SPX Chairperson, Mr. Nitin Gandhi stated, “These Awards are more than a recognition ceremony. They are a catalyst for lifting corporate reporting standards across Fiji. We commend the organizations that continue to demonstrate leadership in telling their story with clarity, transparency and purpose.”

Among listed companies, the Annual Report of the Year was awarded to Pleass Global Limited, while among unlisted entities, the honour went to Fiji Ports Corporation Limited.

In a historic development marked at the event, the inaugural SPX Lifetime Achievement Award for Capital Market Development was presented to Mr. Hari Punja, recognising his longstanding contribution to Fiji’s capital markets.

The following organisations were recognised for excellence in corporate reporting and contribution to capital market development:

#### **Capital Market Excellence Awards**

- **Stockbroker Firm Award – Trading Value:** FHL Stockbrokers Limited
- **Stockbroker Firm Award – Trading Volume:** Kontiki Stockbroking Limited
- **Stockbroker Firm Award – New Investor Growth:** Fiji Stockbrokers Limited
- **Capital Raising Facilitation Award:** BDO
- **Innovative Investor Relations Initiative:** Sun Insurance Company Limited

#### **Best Practice Awards**

- **Excellence in Gender Reporting:** Fiji Development Bank
- **Excellence in ESG Coverage:** Fiji Ports Corporation Limited

#### **Unlisted Company Merit Awards**

- **Excellence in Presentation and Content – Unlisted:** Fiji National Provident Fund
- **Excellence in Reporting and Disclosure – Unlisted:** Fiji Ports Corporation Limited

#### **Listed Company Merit Awards**

- **Excellence in Presentation and Content – Listed:** Pleass Global Limited
- **Excellence in Reporting and Disclosure – Listed:** Amalgamated Telecom Holdings Limited
- **Best Management Commentary – Listed:** Pleass Global Limited

#### **Main Awards**

- **Annual Report of the Year – Unlisted:** Fiji Ports Corporation Limited
- **Annual Report of the Year – Listed:** Pleass Global Limited

The awards selection committee was chaired by Ms. Lorraine Seeto, Director at SPX and also consisted of the Acting Head of School of Accounting, Finance and Economics at the University of the South Pacific Dr. Rup Singh and Council Member at the Fiji Institute of Chartered Accountants (FICA) Ms. Reshma Chand.

The 2025 SPX Annual Awards were proudly supported by the Reserve Bank of Fiji and FMF Foods Limited as Gold Sponsors, Sun Insurance Company Limited, Amalgamated Telecom Holdings Limited and Shreedhar Motors as Silver Sponsors, and the Fiji National Provident Fund and ANZ Bank as Bronze Sponsors. Fiji TV was the Electronic Media Partner for the event while The Fiji Times provided support as the Print Media Partner.

The SPX Annual Awards will continue as a flagship initiative to recognise excellence, inspire innovation and promote high quality reporting across Fiji's corporate landscape.

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#### **About SPX:**

The South Pacific Stock Exchange (SPX) is Fiji's only securities exchange, licensed by the Reserve Bank of Fiji under the Companies Act 2015. It facilitates capital raising in the primary market and offers a fair, transparent platform for secondary market trading. The SPX has two wholly owned subsidiary companies, Central Share Registry Pte Limited (CSRL) and the SPX Trustees Limited (SPXT). FHL Stockbrokers Pte Limited (FHLS), Kontiki Stockbroking Pte Limited (KSB) and Fiji Stockbrokers Pte Limited (FSB) are the licensed stockbroker firms operating in the stock market in Fiji.

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