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African growth leaders in the running for the AFRICA CEO FORUM 2020 AWARDS

In partnership with Mazars, the AFRICA CEO FORUM AWARDS will, for the eighth year in a row, recognise Africa's most successful companies.

Each year, the AFRICA CEO FORUM AWARDS recognise the leaders, businesses and investors whose strategy and performance have contributed the most to Africa's growth in the past year through five awards, from **"CEO of the Year"** to **"Disrupter of the Year"**.

Specialising in sectors such as financial inclusion, food, ICT, green energy, e-commerce and infrastructure, this year's cohort of 26 nominees – true African development success stories representing the continent as a whole – are in the running for the following prestigious awards to be bestowed upon winners on the evening of 9 March:

"CEO OF THE YEAR"

Austin Avuru, CEO, Seplat
Zouhair Bennani, CEO, Label'Vie
Hassanein Hiridjee, CEO, Axian
James Mwangi, Group MD and CEO,
Equity Group Holdings
Herbert Wigwe, Group MD and CEO,
Access Bank Group

"AFRICAN CHAMPION OF THE YEAR"

Mota-Engil Africa
CIEL Limited
United Bank for Africa
OCP
The Loukil Group

"GENDER LEADER OF THE YEAR"

Transcorp Hotels Plc
Dalberg Advisors
Société Générale
Orange Middle East and Africa
GE Africa
Unilever Africa

Flutterwave Technology Solutions Limited

54gene
Fonroche Lighting
Baobab+
Daystar Power Group
Ringier One Africa Media (ROAM)

"INTERNATIONAL COMPANY OF THE YEAR"

Alstom
Bolloré Transport & Logistics
iSON technologies
OLAM

"DISRUPTER OF THE YEAR"

Abdou Diop, Partner at Mazars, commented: "Once again, we were thoroughly impressed with the quality of the nominees and would like to congratulate all of them. It goes to show how much

talent Africa holds and these success stories deserve to be celebrated. Mazars is very proud to be a part of the 2020 awards ceremony and we can't wait to reveal the winners on 9 March."

About the AFRICA CEO FORUM

Founded in 2012, the AFRICA CEO FORUM is an annual gathering of decision-makers from the largest African companies, as well as international investors, multinational executives, heads of state, ministers, and representatives of the main financial institutions operating on the continent.

As a platform for high-level business meetings and a place to share experiences and identify trends that affect the business world, the AFRICA CEO FORUM is committed to offering concrete and innovative solutions to help the continent and its companies move forward. Through its "Women in Business" and "Family Business" initiatives, it also aims to increase the representation of women in decision-making positions on the continent and to support the transformation of African family businesses.

Organised by Jeune Afrique Media Group, the AFRICA CEO FORUM also hosts the Women in Business Annual Leadership Meeting dedicated to women leaders, and in 2019 launched the Africa CEO Network, the most powerful and influential network of business leaders in Africa, to extend the AFRICA CEO FORUM experience year-round.

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