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**JAMES CAAN AWARDED CHAIRMAN OF THE YEAR
AT THE 2013 INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS AWARDS**

Winners to Be Celebrated at Gala Banquet on 14th October in Barcelona, Spain



London, United Kingdom – 13th September 2013 – James Caan of Hamilton Bradshaw was today named the winner of a Silver Stevie® Award in the International Chairman of the Year category at the 10th Annual International Business Awards.

The International Business Awards are the world’s premier business awards program. All individuals and organizations worldwide – public and private, for-profit and non-profit, large and small - are eligible to submit nominations. The 2013 IBAs received entries from more than 50 nations and territories. Previous winners include Fujio Cho from Toyota, Sergio Marchionne from Fiat and Chrysler Group and Sir Richard Branson of Virgin Group.

Nicknamed the Stevies for the Greek word for “crowned,” the awards will be presented to winners at a gala awards banquet at the W Hotel in Barcelona, Spain on 14 October.

More than 3,300 nominations from organizations of all sizes and in virtually every industry were submitted this year for consideration in a wide range of categories which included Most Innovative Company of the Year, Management Team of the Year, Best New Product or Service of the Year, Corporate Social Responsibility Program of the Year and Executive of the Year. James Caan won the International Chairman of the Year award for the Private Equity industry. His company Hamilton Bradshaw has achieved over 20% compound annual growth over the last five years despite operating within some of the most challenging economic conditions in recent history.

Caan is one of the UK's most successful and dynamic entrepreneurs. He has made his fortune in the recruitment industry which included the global success of his companies, Alexander Mann Group and Humana International. In 2004 he founded private equity firm Hamilton Bradshaw which has grown to a portfolio of over 30 companies and operates in sectors such as recruitment, real estate, business advisory and legal. Caan is also a passionate supporter of small businesses and is chairman of the UK Government's Start Up Loans scheme; an initiative designed to support young people with funding and mentoring to launch new businesses. To date Start-Up Loans have backed over 7000 entrepreneurs and are helping to start no less than 40 new businesses in the UK every day.

Caan said:

"I am immensely proud just to have been nominated, so to win and gain international recognition as a Chairman in Private Equity is a real privilege, not just for myself, but for Hamilton Bradshaw as a group. These are extremely prestigious awards that attract an exceptionally high calibre of individuals from around the world and I would like to extend my congratulations to everyone who was nominated. I believe the role of a Chairman is not only important from a strategic viewpoint, but to set the tone and culture of a company. I am a strong supporter of new and entrepreneurial businesses – and this is the ethos which runs throughout HB."

Lord Young, the Prime Minister's Advisor on Enterprise, praised Caan:

"I am delighted to hear that James Caan has been awarded International Chairman of the Year. I appointed James as chairman of Start Up Loans, which launched in 2012. Under his leadership we have distributed over 7,000 loans to budding entrepreneurs, exceeding our expectations and making it one of the most successful schemes ever launched by government. James has dedicated time and resource to the company and has built a first class team to lead the business to success. Congratulations again."

Stevie Award winners were selected by more than 250 executives worldwide who participated in the judging process this year.

"The 2013 International Business Awards are noteworthy for featuring the best collection of entries we have ever received," said Michael Gallagher, president and founder of the Stevie Awards. *"The judges have been unanimous in their comments about the quality of achievements, and the expertise with which they were portrayed, in the nominations we received this year. We extend our most heartfelt congratulations to all of this year's Gold, Silver and Bronze Stevie Award winners."*

Details about The International Business Awards and the lists of Stevie Award winners are available at www.StevieAwards.com/IBA.

About Hamilton Bradshaw

Founded and chaired by James Caan, Hamilton Bradshaw Private Equity launched in 2004. Its portfolio focuses primarily on the service sector, in particular recruitment, and currently invests in over 30 businesses. Today, HB is one of the world's Top 30 Recruitment companies, active in 28 market sectors, with over 800 staff and a turnover in excess of £500 million. Under the

guidance of Caan, HB has won a reputation for investing in people with passion, operating with the utmost integrity and adding real value to every business they invest in.

About the Stevie Awards

Stevie Awards are conferred in five programs: The International Business Awards, The American Business Awards, the Asia-Pacific Stevie Awards, the Stevie Awards for Women in Business, and the Stevie Awards for Sales & Customer Service. Honoring organizations of all types and sizes and the people behind them, the Stevies recognize outstanding performances in the workplace worldwide. Learn more about the Stevie Awards at www.StevieAwards.com.

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