

## 17<sup>th</sup> EBAN Winter Summit held in Luxembourg

From 22 to 23 October 2018, the 17<sup>th</sup> EBAN Winter Summit brought together a community of highly dedicated investors and entrepreneurs at BGL BNP Paribas' offices in Luxembourg-Kirchberg.

The EBAN Winter Summit is one of the two main annual events of the European Business Angel Network (EBAN) and highlights the most important issues and best practices in the early stage investment sector. Under the theme "Better Together: How to shape a more sustainable and innovative world", the 2018 edition brought together some 50 renowned speakers and more than 400 attendees from all over the world to participate in the many mentoring sessions, workshops and conferences on offer.

"BGL BNP Paribas is extremely proud to host the 17<sup>th</sup> edition of this leading international event. I am convinced that innovation and sustainable development go hand in hand," said Geoffroy Bazin, Country Head of the BNP Paribas Group and Chairman of the BGL BNP Paribas Executive Committee.

The event was co-hosted by Lux Future Lab (founded by BGL BNP Paribas), EBAN, LBAN (Luxembourg Business Angel Network) and the EIPP (European Investment Project Portal) of the European Commission, with the support of the Luxembourg Ministry of the Economy as well as EY (gold sponsor) and Arendt (silver sponsor).

EBAN is the pan-European representative of business angels and comprises more than 150 member organisations in over 50 countries. The organisation represents a sector whose investment is estimated at EUR 7.5 billion per year, thus playing an essential role in Europe's future, especially in the financing of young innovative enterprises.

Further information is available on the websites [www.eban-luxembourg-2018.com](http://www.eban-luxembourg-2018.com) and [www.eban.org](http://www.eban.org).

### About BGL BNP Paribas

BGL BNP Paribas ([www.bgl.lu](http://www.bgl.lu)) is one of the largest banks in Luxembourg and part of the BNP Paribas Group. It offers an especially wide range of financial products and bancassurance solutions to individuals, professionals, businesses and private banking clients. At end 2017, the BNP Paribas Group employed around 3,700 people in Luxembourg, of which 2,379 at BGL BNP Paribas.

In 2018, the international magazine Euromoney named BGL BNP Paribas “Best Bank in Luxembourg” for the third year in a row.

### **About BNP Paribas**

BNP Paribas is a leading bank in Europe with an international reach. It has a presence in 73 countries, with more than 196,000 employees, including more than 149,000 in Europe. The Group has key positions in its three main activities: Domestic Markets and International Financial Services (whose retail-banking networks and financial services are covered by Retail Banking & Services) and Corporate & Institutional Banking, which serves two client franchises: corporate clients and institutional investors. The Group helps all its clients (individuals, community associations, entrepreneurs, SMEs, corporates and institutional clients) to realise their projects through solutions spanning financing, investment, savings and protection insurance. In Europe, the Group has four domestic markets (Belgium, France, Italy and Luxembourg) and BNP Paribas Personal Finance is the European leader in consumer lending.

BNP Paribas is rolling out its integrated retail-banking model in Mediterranean countries, in Turkey, in Eastern Europe and a large network in the western part of the United States. In its Corporate & Institutional Banking and International Financial Services activities, BNP Paribas also enjoys top positions in Europe, a strong presence in the Americas as well as a solid and fast-growing business in Asia-Pacific.

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