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### **Kempen & Co to sponsor Company of the Year Award at European Mediscience Awards 2012**

The European Mediscience Awards, the event which celebrates the best in the quoted life sciences, healthcare and biotech industries is delighted to announce that Netherlands-based Kempen & Co is to sponsor the prestigious Company of the Year Award at the 2012 event. Kempen & Co joins headline sponsor, Nomura Code in confirming their association with the 11<sup>th</sup> European Mediscience Awards, which is to be held on Thursday 21 June 2012 at the Hotel InterContinental in London.

Kempen & Co is an international merchant bank with headquarters in Amsterdam and offices in New York and Edinburgh. Kempen & Co focuses on providing advice on mergers and acquisitions as well as capital market transactions with special emphasis on life sciences and healthcare companies. Clients include both listed and non-listed Pan-European companies and professional investors in primarily Europe and the US.

Oscar Izeboud, Head of the Life Sciences/Healthcare team, Kempen & Co, commented: "We are delighted to be associated with the European Mediscience Awards and honoured to sponsor the Company of the Year Award for 2012. The life sciences and healthcare industry requires pioneers, flexible strategies, and progressive business models. The sector also characteristically demands financing for extensive research and development and we are fully-committed to helping our clients achieve this. The European Mediscience Awards is an important event for this community to come together and celebrate its success stories and we are very much looking forward to joining the Mediscience 'club'."

Jo Thomas, Director of event organiser Ford Sinclair, said: "To have Kempen & Co sponsor the Company of the Year award reaffirms the event's reputation as a truly European affair. Earlier this week the UK Government announced that it is to implement a strategy for life sciences, dramatically increasing funds available to companies within the sector. Europe has, for quite some time, offered these opportunities, along with high-level expertise and specialist advice for life sciences and healthcare companies and we are delighted to strengthen the event's reputation across Europe with Kempen & Co's sponsorship."

For further details on The European Mediscience Awards Dinner 2012 visit [www.mediscience-event.co.uk](http://www.mediscience-event.co.uk)  
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### **About the European Mediscience Awards**

The European Mediscience Awards celebrates the best in the quoted life science, healthcare and biotech industries. It is the premier event for all stakeholders working in or with quoted mediscience companies in Europe and attracts over 500 attendees. Nominations for the awards can be made online from the beginning of April via the event website [www.mediscience-event.co.uk](http://www.mediscience-event.co.uk) where the criteria for each award and a full list of eligible companies can also be viewed. To be eligible for an award, the majority of the business of the company, and its subsidiaries, must be in the healthcare (animal and human), medical, pharmaceutical, biotechnology or life sciences sectors. In addition, a significant part of the company's, and its subsidiaries', activities should involve scientific research and development which may or may not be product specific.

### **About Kempen & Co**

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