

ABANO WINS INFINZ CORPORATE COMMUNICATIONS AWARD

Abano Healthcare Group has been announced as the winner of the Emerging Leaders Best Corporate Communicator Award, at the prestigious INFINZ Awards dinner in Auckland last night.

The Award, open to all listed companies outside the NZX50, was presented to Abano by Tim Bennett, CEO of the Award sponsor, NZX, who said: "Abano's communication was very clear and provided a good insight to operational, financial and strategic goals and delivery. It is a complex business but executed its communication concisely, to the point, and in a way which was comprehensive but uncluttered."

Accepting the Award on behalf of Abano, Chief Operating Officer Richard Keys, said: "The Award is a pleasing endorsement of Abano's approach to shareholder communications, which is to be open, transparent and accessible.

"We have a clear focus on creating shareholder value and a no surprises philosophy. We believe that the more informed our shareholders and the investment community are, the more likely they are to continue trusting us with their investment.

"The commitment to shareholder engagement is led from the top down, from the chairman, Trevor Janes, the Board and managing director Alan Clarke, through to management.

"We talk to and encourage dialogue and participation from our shareholders. And we listen to what they have to say. Because of this, we have constructive and enduring relationships with many retail and institutional investors and their advisors.

"This approach has helped us build outstanding levels of trust with our shareholders and investors and this has become most apparent in recent times. We are very pleased to have been a finalist for three years' running and to have won this Award twice in that time."

Jim McElwain, Executive Director of INFINZ (Institute of Finance Professionals New Zealand) commented: "By highlighting the outstanding participants in our industry, we hope to raise standards across the entire marketplace. The focus of the judges and the industry is on those actions and individuals who have added most value to corporate New Zealand and hence the economy".

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