## **Press Release**



## SFC Capital Recognised at the EISA Awards 2023: Winner of 'Best SEIS Investment Manager' and 'EISA Impact Award', with Portfolio Companies Clinching 'Best SEIS Investee Company' Title

**London, 22nd of June 2023**: We are delighted to announce that SFC Capital has been awarded the prestigious 'Best SEIS Investment Manager' and 'EISA Impact Award' at this year's EISA Awards.

The EISA (Enterprise Investment Scheme Association) Awards celebrate the remarkable contributions to the UK's vibrant SEIS (Seed Enterprise Investment Scheme) and EIS (Enterprise Investment Scheme) sectors, acknowledging outstanding individuals, companies and success stories in the field. The awards are a testament to SFC's continued commitment to entrepreneurial innovation and our dedication to the potential of early-stage startups.

SFC's dedication to championing innovative startups and our firm belief in the power of SEIS and EIS for growth and success has earned us the title of 'Best SEIS Investment Manager' for the 3rd year running. This recognition underscores our proficiency in identifying, supporting and nurturing high-potential businesses to achieve remarkable milestones.

Moreover, the recognition SFC received through the 'EISA Impact Award' strongly affirms our commitment to driving meaningful economic and social change. We take immense pride in supporting early-stage startups, the catalysts for innovation in the UK. Our investment approach is grounded in diversity, resulting in 45% of our investments going to startups led by women, and allocating 65% of our funds to businesses outside of London.

Beyond SFC's own achievements, we are thrilled to share that many of our portfolio companies have also been recognised. We are proud that many were shortlisted for the 'Best SEIS Investee Company' and 'Best EIS Investee Company' awards. Their nomination not only showcases their individual triumphs but also highlights SFC's role in fostering an ecosystem that enables such achievements to flourish.



SFC is proud to reveal that SAGES has been honoured with the 'Best SEIS Investee Company' award, while PlantSea has received considerable praise, securing the 'highly commended' recognition in second place. These companies have displayed extraordinary growth, resilience and commitment to their mission, mirroring our ethos at SFC Capital. They represent the high calibre and potential of the businesses we support.

We wish to extend our heartfelt thanks to the EISA for these awards, as well as the panel of judges who dedicated their time and shared their extensive knowledge to evaluate all contenders fairly. We also want to acknowledge our outstanding team for their continuous dedication and hard work, our portfolio companies for their inspiring innovation and resilience, and our investors for their unwavering trust and support.

As we celebrate these achievements, we remain focused on the future, continually driven to spur growth, foster innovation and create lasting impact through our investments. Here's to many more years of championing entrepreneurship and making a difference!

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## **About SFC Capital**

SFC Capital is the UK's most active seed-stage investor, providing seed capital and support to promising British startups. By combining our leading investment funds with our angel syndicate, we have created a unique model that provides investors with diversified exposure to high-potential SEIS and EIS-qualifying businesses.

Since 2012, SFC has invested in over 450 startups and partnered with the likes of British Business Investments to support innovation across all UK regions.

To learn more about what we do and see our portfolio, visit sfccapital.com.