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**FundedByMe chosen as the Crowdfunding Firm of the Year 2015 and the #21 hottest startup in Sweden**

**Since 2010 FundedByMe has funded approximately 500 companies from 25 countries, built a network of more than 53 000 investors from 70 countries and has a local presence in countries around Europe and Singapore. Today the company received the Global Award of Crowdfunding Firm of the Year from “Finance Monthly” and was listed at 21st position of hottest startups by “Veckans Affärer”.**

“*It all started by coincidence. We wanted to raise funds for one of our ideas via Kickstarter, but we were denied. That is why we founded FundedByMe. Sometimes the initial failure may lead you to the great success*” – say Daniel Daboczy, CEO, and Arno Smith, CTO, the co-founders of FundedByMe.

In five years, FundedByMe has become a very serious player in the global crowdfunding industry. The company started with reward-based crowdfunding but soon started to help ventures raise money through selling their shares. Right now 83% of equity crowdfunding deals in Nordics go through the FundedByMe platform. In the February 2015 FundedByMe launched loan-based crowdfunding (also known as debt crowdfunding). Offering three types of crowdfunding campaign types makes this company one of the unique platforms in the world. Furthermore, it is the only crowdfunding platform of Nordic origin that has branches in 6 countries on 2 continents. Users on FundedByMe come from 70 countries and the network is exponentially growing. So far the company has successfully funded some 500 companies from 25 countries.

**Quick Facts about FundedByMe:**

Founded: **2010**

Co-founders: **Daniel Daboczy, Arno Smit**

No. of companies funded: **500**

No. of countries companies originate from: **25**

The amount raised so far: **100 million SEK**

No. of investors: over **53 000**

No. of countries investors originate from: **70**

Possession of equity crowdfunding market in Nordics: **83%**

Awards: Finance Monthly Global Award, #21 hottest startups in Sweden by **“**Veckans Affärer”**,** White Bull Bully Award, Best Service Provider award, Wired UK top 100 startup, Startup Awards (Nordic Best Service Provider), one of the top 100 websites in Sweden by Internetworld.,Digital Winners "No guts - No glory" by Telenor Norway, "An entrepreneurial initiative worthy of encouragement” Sollos Memorial fund.

*“The dynamic growth of FundedByMe is a part of our long-term strategy. Of course the bigger company is, the more difficult it is to keep the same speed in the development. However, our priority is to give investors, lenders and backers on FundedByMe the widest possible choice in campaigns they may support and to give entrepreneurs, a very wide network of investors ready to boost their business*  “ says Daniel Daboczy.

Till date, 100 million SEK has been raised on FundedByMe. Some of the most spectacular crowdfunding campaigns run on the platform were Noa beverages that raised 9,1 million SEK, Safello that got over 6 million SEK, Virtuous Vodka with 3 million SEK in total and also the FundedByMe company itself that collected 11 million SEK in two rounds.

Last week FundedByMe broke the record in crowdfunding for the fashion industry. Carin Wester raised the first 1 100 000 SEK in the first 7 hours. After 2 days investors committed 2 000 000 SEK to purchase shares. The campaign is still live and open for investments.

**About the Finance Monthly Global Awards**

The Finance Monthly Global Awards recognise and celebrate companies and individuals who have delivered the highest quality results within the corporate, financial and legal sectors - winners will have exceeded client expectations and demonstrated measurable achievements over the last 12 months.

**About the “Veckans Affärer”**

“Veckans Affärer”is the largest business magazine in Sweden and the first choice for business decision makers. The magazine’s editorial mission is to identify, describe and review the most important changes that affect the Swedish economy.

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