



**The Quoted
Companies Alliance**

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It's a small to medium business world, after all

A bit of a coup for the Quoted Companies Alliance. The pressure group for small and mid-cap companies' annual dinner on September 16 is this year sponsored by the London Stock Exchange. Xavier Rolet, LSE chief executive since May, will make his first big speech to a City audience. He is expected to give some idea of his plans for the market and for the Alternative Investment Market in particular. (Hint: he's in favour of it.) The dinner will be the first outing, too, for Tim Ward, who succeeds John Pierce, chief executive of the QCA for ten years, at the end of this month. He used to hold senior posts at the LSE, small world that it is.