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### P r e s s   r e l e a s e

## Ludwig Erhard Prize for Economic Journalism 2020

**Dan McCrum**, a journalist on the Financial Times, is receiving the Ludwig Erhard Prize for Economic Journalism 2020. The prize is endowed with 5,000 euros.

The assessment by the independent jury states: “With his reports about dubious business practices by the Fintech company Wirecard, Dan McCrum has uncovered Germany’s largest business scandal. No well-known German medium took up his findings. On the contrary: he was regarded as a whistle-blower by many media and probably also the financial supervisory authorities; the Federal Financial Supervisory Authority (BaFin) even reported him to the Munich Public Prosecutor’s Office. Almost single-handedly, Dan McCrum has demonstrated to the media, the financial industry and political parties in Germany how investigative journalism should be undertaken.”

The sponsorship awards for persons under the age of 35 are being awarded to **Martin Braml**, an academic at ifo Center for International Economics, Munich, and to **Hans Rusinek**, Editor-in-Chief “transform – Magazin für das Gute Leben” (Magazine for the Good Life) and freelance journalist. Each sponsorship award is endowed with 2,500 euros.

The Prize for Economic Journalism is awarded by the Ludwig Erhard Foundation every year. The Foundation uses it to honour articles in the press, online, radio and television items as well as papers by academic journalists, which contribute to maintaining and regenerating the social market economy.

The prizes will be handed out as part of an official function in Berlin on 17 December 2020.

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