

**Emerging Award:****Sri Lanka's Jupiter Capital gets emerging market award**

Mar 03, 2014 (LBO) - Sri Lanka's Jupiter Capital Partners, a start-up private equity firm has been given a regional award by London based industry Private Equity International (PEI), a specialist industry publication.

PEI named Jupiter Capital Partners, 'Frontier Market Firm of the Year' saying it had started in a country which was not as well-known as Myanmar and has spent time convincing investors about the opportunity available in Sri Lanka.

"We get a lot of support from the international private equity community,' managing director Indika Hettiarachchi said.

"We hope we will get similar support from the local institutional community."

It is to launch a country specific fund soon, but has already been doing small deals with locally raised funds.

Jupiter Capital was given first place ahead of the two other nominees, Kohlberg Kravis Roberts and Mekong Capital.

The firm has a strategy of focusing on small and medium companies.

Interest in private equity has heightened in Sri Lanka after the end of a 30-year civil war in 2009, with several companies entering with mixed results.

