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Ontario Finalists Announced for the Most Prestigious Business Awards in Canada

The 14th annual Ernst & Young Entrepreneur Of The Year(R) Awards name finalists

TORONTO, July 5 /CNW/ - Out of an impressive list of nominees, 50 outstanding Ontario entrepreneurs who have demonstrated courage, determination and leadership have been chosen as finalists in the 2007 Ernst & Young Entrepreneur Of The Year Awards Program.

"As innovators, risk takers and leaders, entrepreneurs across this province have shown us time and time again that they can do extraordinary things," says Dan Cornacchia, director of the Ernst & Young Entrepreneur Of The Year Awards program for the Ontario region. "We are happy to honour their perseverance and drive with Canada's leading business award."

The Entrepreneur Of The Year Awards have proudly honoured the innovation and relentless entrepreneurial spirit of Canada's leading businesspeople for the past 14 years. The program considers nominees in a number of business categories before selecting finalists. The following are finalists for Entrepreneur Of The Year 2007, Ontario region:

Business-to-Business Products & Services

Andrew Day

Atlantis Systems International (Simulation-based training systems developer for aircraft)

Brampton

www.atlantissi.com

Tony Perrotta

Greentec (Reverse logistics and recycling specialists)

Cambridge

www.greentec.com

Shawn Murray

Quantum Murray LP (Demolition, remediation and abatement provider)

Toronto

www.murraydemolition.com

Earle O'Born

The Printing House Limited (On-demand, quick printing specialists)
Toronto
www.tph.ca

Business-to-Consumer Products & Services

Navin Chandaria
Conros Corporation (Provides innovation in manufacturing and rebranding)
North York
www.conros.com

Kerry Knee, Krista Knee
Flirty Girl Fitness (Women's fitness and lifestyle facilities)
Toronto
www.flirtygirlfitness.com

Alain Baird
The Stitch It Group Inc. (Clothing alteration chain)
Burlington
www.stitchit.com

Sam Baio
West 49 Inc. (Multi-banner specialty retailer)
Burlington
www.west49.com

Emerging Entrepreneur

Derek Szeto
Clear Sky Media Inc. (Operates two online deal-finding Web sites)
Toronto
www.clearskymedia.ca

Randi Shinder
Fusion Brands Inc. (Cosmetics and fragrance provider)
Ottawa
www.fusionbeauty.com

Sergei Tchetvertnykh
Infinium Capital Corp. (Independent electronic trading firm)
Toronto
www.infiniumgroup.com

Mario Fiorucci, Tara Longo
The Healthy Butcher (Certified organic and locally raised meat, and organic foods) Toronto
www.thehealthybutcher.com

Energy and Mining/Metals

Chris Jarratt, David Kerr, Ian Robertson
Algonquin Power Income Fund (Participant in the renewable energy and utility sectors)
Oakville
www.algonquinpower.com

Alfred Hambsch
Barrie Metals Group of Companies (Recycling facility for electric/electronic equipment)

Barrie
www.geepinc.com

William Pugliese
IAMGOLD Corporation (Gold producer in North and South America and Africa)
Toronto
www.iamgold.com

Health Services & Sciences

Helen Findlay, David Young
Arius Research Inc. (Biotechnology company that discovers/develops cancer drugs)
Toronto
www.ariusresearch.com

Stuart Cottrelle
Bayshore Home Health (Home care provider with 42 locations)
Mississauga
www.bayshore.ca

Connie Clerici
Closing the Gap Healthcare Group (Healthcare and wellness provider)
Mississauga
www.closingthegap.ca

Shirlee Sharkey
Saint Elizabeth Health Care (Home and community care provider)
Markham
www.saintelizabeth.com

Hospitality/Tourism

Lou Biffis
Nottawasaga Resort/Briar Hill Developments (Hospitality and recreation centre/Community service home, residential centre and development)
Alliston
www.nottawasagaresort.com

Michael Bonacini, Peter Oliver
Oliver Bonacini Restaurants (Fine dining restaurant company)
Toronto
www.oliverbonacini.com

Cam Heaps, Greg Taylor
Steam Whistle Brewing (Independent brewery)
Toronto
www.steamwhistle.ca

Colin Hunter, Stephen Hunter
Sunwing Travel Group (Travel provider and airline)
Toronto
www.sunwing.ca

Manufacturing

F. Michael Marti
Adeptron Technologies Corporation (Electronics manufacturing services provider)

Markham
www.adeptron.com

David Jackson
Hydropool Industries Inc. (Hot tub, swim spa and accessories
manufacturer)
Mississauga
www.hydropoolhottubs.com

Peter Gilgan
The Mattamy Corporation (Developer and builder of single family homes)
Oakville
www.mattamyhomes.com

Media & Entertainment

Michael Hirsh
Cookie Jar Group (Creator/promoter of entertainment, education and
edutainment brands)
Toronto
www.thecookiejarcompany.com

Mike Burns
Fuel Industries (Promotes brands with online entertainment and virtual
worlds)
Ottawa
www.fuelindustries.com

Jason DeZwirek
Kaboose Inc. (Family-focused online media company)
Toronto
www.kaboose.com

Professional/Financial Services

Walter Schroeder
DBRS Limited (Provider of global credit ratings)
Toronto
www.dbrs.com

Samuel Duboc, Gilbert Palter
EdgeStone Capital Partners (Private equity manager)
Toronto
www.edgestone.com

Stephen Smith
First National Financial LP (Mortgage originator, underwriter and
servicer)
Toronto
www.firstnational.ca

Sheldon Inwentash
Pinetree Capital Ltd. (Investment, financial advisory and merchant
banking firm)
Toronto
www.pinetreecapital.com

Technology

Jan Mrazek
Adastra Corporation (Business intelligence solutions provider)
Markham
www.adastracorp.com

Anthony Lacavera
Globalive Communications, Inc. (Provider of industry-leading telecom solutions)
Toronto
www.globalive.com

Don Bowman, Dave Caputo, Tom Donnelly, Marc Morin, Brad Siim
Sandvine Incorporated (Network equipment developer and marketer)
Waterloo
www.sandvine.com

David Aiello
Synergex Corporation (Turn-key business solutions provider)
Mississauga
www.syx.ca

On October 18, 2007, a finalist in each business category will be presented with a regional category award during a gala celebration, with one category recipient then being awarded the title of Entrepreneur Of The Year for Ontario. The Ontario award recipient goes on to compete with top entrepreneurs from the Pacific, Prairies, Quebec and Atlantic regions for the coveted national honour of Entrepreneur Of The Year for Canada, to be announced on November 1, 2007, in Toronto. In June 2008, Canada's Entrepreneur Of The Year moves to the world stage, joining more than 40 country recipients participating in the international competition for the title of Ernst & Young World Entrepreneur Of The Year(R), and joining the ranks of this year's winner, Canada's own Guy Laliberté from Cirque du Soleil.

The Entrepreneur Of The Year Awards honour entrepreneurs who have demonstrated excellence and extraordinary success in areas such as innovation, risk taking, company development, financial performance and personal commitment to their businesses and communities. Submissions are reviewed by an independent judging panel, which is composed of several distinguished business leaders and previous award recipients. The judges on the Ontario region panel for 2007 are Steve Farlow, Executive Director Schlegel Centre for Entrepreneurship School of Business and Economics, Wilfrid Laurier University; Steve Gupta, President and CEO, Easton's Group of Hotels Inc.; Kathleen O'Neill, Chartered Accountant and Corporate Director; John Rothschild, Chairman and CEO, Prime Restaurant Holdings Inc.; and John Young, Vice President, OMERS Capital Partners.

There will be a Webcast for all finalists on Tuesday July 10, 2007, at 11:30am EST. A link to this Webcast will be forwarded to finalists by July 6, 2007.

The Entrepreneur Of The Year Program was founded by Ernst & Young to celebrate great entrepreneurs who have demonstrated excellence and extraordinary success in areas such as company development, financial performance and risk taking. The program is nationally sponsored by Global Television Network, National Post, La Presse, RDI, Roynat Capital and SAP. As well, the Ontario region sponsor is Red Point Media.

To learn more about the Ernst & Young Entrepreneur Of The Year 2007 Awards, visit www.eoy.ca.

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