

## News Release

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### **Finalists for Ernst & Young Entrepreneur Of The Year® 2010 awards in San Diego announced**

*San Diego, CA, May 10, 2010* – Ernst & Young LLP is pleased to announce the finalists for the Ernst & Young Entrepreneur Of The Year® award in San Diego. This group of outstanding entrepreneurs was selected by an independent judging panel made up of regional business, academic and community leaders. The winners will be revealed at a gala event on June 09, 2010 at the Hyatt Regency La Jolla.

“Entrepreneurship is especially vital as our nation recovers from recession,” said Dan Kleeburg, Ernst & Young LLP Entrepreneur Of The Year Program Director for San Diego. “These finalists create jobs in our area, encouraging healthy growth, development and innovation in the local economy.”

The San Diego finalists for the Ernst & Young Entrepreneur Of The Year award in 2010 are:

- Paul Buss, CEO, Skinit
- Allan Camaisa, CEO, Anakam
- Brad Chisum, CEO, Lumedyne Technologies
- Robert Christie, CEO and President, 3E Company

- Larry Gilbert, President and CEO, Event Network
- Maureen Gray, CEO, KBM Facilities Solutions
- David Hartman, President and CEO, Easy-Turf
- Marcus Hompesch, President and CEO, Profil Institute for Clinical Research
- Scott Huennekens, President and CEO, Volcano Corporation
- Jason Levin, President, Dos Gringos
- Jonathan Lim, President and CEO, Halozyme
- Russ Mann, CEO, Covario
- Tim Penick, President, T.B. Penick & Sons
- Kishore Seendripu, CEO, MaxLinear
- Lale White, CEO and Chairman of the Board, XIFIN

The Entrepreneur Of The Year® program honors entrepreneurs regionally in June, leading up to the national awards in November. Additionally, venture-backed companies that win an Entrepreneur Of The Year® award regionally are also eligible for the Venture Capital Award of Excellence on a national level. The overall national US winner then moves on to compete for the World Entrepreneur Of The Year title in June.

This year, the Entrepreneur Of The Year awards program celebrates its 24th anniversary. The program has expanded to recognize business leaders in over 135 cities in 50 countries throughout the world. Awards are given to entrepreneurs who demonstrate extraordinary success in the areas

of innovation, financial performance and personal commitment to their businesses and communities. Entrepreneurs are nominated and evaluated by those in each region, including local business, academic and community leaders.

All regional honorees are invited to the national Entrepreneur Of The Year® gala, hosted by Jay Leno, on November 13, 2010 in Palm Springs, California. The gala is the culminating event of the Ernst & Young Strategic Growth Forum®, the nation's most prestigious gathering of high-growth, market-leading companies. For more information on the Ernst & Young Strategic Growth Forum, please visit [www.ey.com/us/strategicgrowthforum](http://www.ey.com/us/strategicgrowthforum).

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Founded and produced by Ernst & Young LLP, the Entrepreneur Of The Year awards are pleased to have the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation and SAP America as national sponsors.

In San Diego, sponsors include Marsh, Union Bank, COX Business, Foundation For Enterprise Development, The Daily Transcript, and Scherzer International.

### **Contact information**

To make reservations for the Entrepreneur Of The Year awards gala on June 09, 2010, contact Irene Veca of Ernst & Young at 858-535-7383 or [Irene.Veca@ey.com](mailto:Irene.Veca@ey.com) by May 21, 2010. Tickets are \$250 per person. For more information about the program, please visit [www.ey.com/us/eoy/sandiego](http://www.ey.com/us/eoy/sandiego).

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