

## News release

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### **Maria Pinelli announced as new Ernst & Young Global Vice Chair for Strategic Growth Markets**

**Ernst & Young extends commitment to global youth entrepreneurship**

**Tan Sri Dato' Dr Francis Yeoh to chair the judging panel at the World Entrepreneur Of The Year 2011, 2-5 June, Monte Carlo**

*KUALA LUMPUR, 1 JUNE 2011* – Ernst & Young, the global professional services organization, is pleased to announce the appointment of Maria Pinelli as the new Global Vice Chair for our Strategic Growth Markets (SGM) practice. She will succeed Greg Ericksen, who retires on 30 June after 35 years with Ernst & Young helping us build our leading entrepreneurial brand.

With more than 20 years of experience, Maria has in-depth knowledge of the needs and issues of companies experiencing rapid growth. Throughout her career, she has supported clients with acquisitions, due diligence, financing and IPOs. Maria has also acquired significant knowledge of the global capital markets, having led over 20 IPOs in Canada, China, the United Kingdom and the United States. In her new role she will head our practice dedicated to entrepreneurial and high growth companies.

Maria will be attending the 11<sup>th</sup> Ernst & Young World Entrepreneur of the Year Awards which will be held this Saturday in Monte Carlo.

Ernst & Young is also delighted to announce it has extended its ongoing commitment and relationship with the National Foundation for Teacher Entrepreneurship (NFTE) in the United States, to another nine countries around the world. Ernst & Young supports NFTE by providing a scholarship for each of its 26 US programs and plans to replicate this in Belgium, China, Germany, India, Ireland, Israel, the Netherlands, New Zealand and South Africa.

NFTE is the only global non-profit organization solely focused on bringing entrepreneurship education to low-income youth. Founded in New York City in 1987, NFTE began as a program to prevent dropouts and improve academic performance among students who were at risk of failing or quitting school. It began providing entrepreneurship education programs relevant to

the real world, empowering students to own their educations in and out of the classroom and to find their own path to success.

NFTE has now worked with nearly 350,000 young people from low-income communities in programs across the U.S. and around the world.

Maria, who sits on the board of NFTE says:

“We are delighted to extend our involvement across the nine countries. It is entrepreneurs who represent the best hope of creating sustained economic growth around the world. Our commitment to entrepreneurs, in both emerging and developed economies around the world, helps ensure that we’re working with more of tomorrow’s global leaders, today.”

Amy Rosen, President & CEO, NFTE, says:

“Too many young people today drop out of school and struggle to break the cycle of poverty. Since 1987, NFTE has been inspiring young people to pursue educational opportunities, start their own businesses, and succeed in life.

“Our international licensed partners are a critical part of the NFTE network and reach over 30,000 youth annually, accounting for over 55% of all annual program participants.”

### **World Entrepreneur Of The Year 2011, 2-5 June, Monte Carlo**

Ernst & Young will be celebrating the inspirational journeys of 49 entrepreneurs from 44 countries at the 11th World Entrepreneur Of The Year 2011. Each of the individuals at the event have won the title of Entrepreneur of the Year in their country, and will come together to compete for the 2011 World title. The winner will be announced at a gala on the evening of Saturday 4 June.

The judging panel will be chaired by Tan Sri Dato’ Dr Francis Yeoh, Managing Director, YTL Corporation Berhad, Malaysia.

A full media kit for the event including a list of finalists is available at: [www.ey.com/weoy](http://www.ey.com/weoy)

You can also follow the World Entrepreneur Of The Year on [www.twitter.com/ey\\_eoy](http://www.twitter.com/ey_eoy)

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**About World Entrepreneur Of The Year**

Ernst & Young Entrepreneur Of The Year® is the world's most prestigious business award for entrepreneurs. The unique award makes a difference through the way it encourages entrepreneurial activity among those with potential, and recognizes the contribution of people who inspire others with their vision, leadership and achievement. As the first and only truly global award of its kind, Entrepreneur Of The Year celebrates those who are building and leading successful, growing and dynamic businesses, recognizing them through regional, national and global awards programs in more than 140 cities in more than 50 countries.

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## Entrepreneur Of The Year Country Winners 2010

1. Argentina	Gustavo Grobocopatel	Los Grobo
2. Australia	John Spence	The Karma Royal Group
3. Austria	Waltraud Schinko-Neuroth	Neuroth, AG
4. Belgium	Pol Vanderhaeghen	Taminco
5. Brazil	Alexandre Costa	Cacau Show
6. Canada	James Temerty	Northland Power Inc.
7. Chile	Andrés Navarro	Sonda S.A
8. China Hong Kong/Macau	Judy Leissner	Grace Vineyard
9. China Mainland	Liu Jiren	Neusoft Corporation
10. Colombia	Ramiro Sánchez Pedro Sánchez	Biomax
11. Czech Republic	Adam Walach Mariusz Walach Valdemar Walach	WALMARK, a.s
12. Denmark	Jesper Andersen	Mita-Teknik a/s
13. Estonia	Peter Hunt	AS Wendre
14. Finland	Olli Muurainen	Management Events Oy Ltd.
15. France	Aliza Jabès	NUXE GROUP
16. Germany	Claus Hipp	HIPP Werk Georg Hipp OHG
17. India	Dilip Shanghvi	Sun Pharmaceutical Industries Limited
18. Indonesia	Edwin Soeryadjaya	Saratoga Group - PT. Adaro Energy Tbk.
19. Ireland	Brian Conlon	First Derivatives
20. Israel	Gil Shwed	Check Point Software Technologies Ltd.
21. Italy	Stefano Landi	Landi Renzo S.p.A
22. Japan	Hitoshi Tanaka	JIN CO., LTD.
23. Jordan	Amjad Aryan	Pharmacy1
24. Kazakhstan	Anatoliy Popelyushko	Rakhat JSC
25. Korea	Kyung-Bae Suh	AMOREPACIFIC
26. Malaysia	Dato' Seri Stanley Thai	Supermax Corporation Berhad
27. Mexico	Rodrigo Alonso Herrera Aspra	Genomma Lab Internacional, S.A.B
28. Netherlands	Jan-Renier Swinkels	Bavaria
29. New Zealand	Tim Alpe	JUCY Group Limited

30. Norway	Petter Stordalen	Nordic Choice Hotels
31. Philippines	Tennyson Chen	Bounty Fresh Food Inc.
32. Poland	Ryszard Florek	FAKRO S.p.z o.o.
33. Russia	Maxim Nogotkov	Svyaznoy Group
34. Singapore	Olivia Lum	Hyflux Limited
35. Slovak Republic	Tomáš Bel	EXIsport s.r.o.
36. South Africa	Marcel Golding John Copelyn	Hosken Consolidated Investments Ltd.
37. Spain	Carmen Riu Güell Luis Riu Güell	Riu Hotels & Resorts
38. Sweden	Ola Oskarsson	Marin Mätteknik AB
39. Switzerland	Rolf Boffa	Qualipet AG
40. Syria	Yasmina Azhari	Trade Coordination Office
41. Taiwan	Bruce Cheng	Delta Electronics, Inc.
42. Ukraine	Sergiy Grygorovych	GSC Game World
43. United Kingdom	Ayman Asfari	Petrofac Limited
44. United States	Howard Lutnick	Cantor Fitzgerald and BGC Partners, Inc.