



## News release

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### **EY announces Finalists for the Entrepreneur Of The Year® 2017 Award in San Diego**

**San Diego, CA, May 15** — EY today announced the finalists for the Entrepreneur Of The Year 2017 Award in San Diego. The awards program recognizes entrepreneurs who are excelling in areas such as innovation, financial performance and personal commitment to their businesses and communities. These business leaders were selected by a panel of independent judges. Award winners will be announced at a special gala on June 12 at the Fairmont Grand Del Mar.

The finalists are:

1. **Chuck Myers**, President and CEO of **Airgain, Inc.**
2. **Joe Payne**, President, Founder and CEO, and **Pad Chivukula**, CSO and COO, of **Arcturus Therapeutics, Inc.**
3. **Mark Baum**, CEO and Executive Director of **Imprimis Pharmaceuticals**
4. **Jamie Sigler**, Founding Partner of **J Public Relations**
5. **Troy Wilson**, CEO and Cofounder of **Kura Oncology Inc.**
6. **Dave Gilbert**, CEO and Founder of **National Funding**
7. **David Inmon**, CEO and President of **Redhorse Corporation**
8. **Adam Stettner**, CEO of **Reliant Funding**
9. **Chad Carpenter**, Chairman and CEO of **Reven Housing REIT, Inc.**
10. **Kevin Lustig**, CEO and President of **Scientist.com**
11. **Carlos Michan**, CEO of **Strata Equity Group, Inc.**
12. **Ben Ryan**, President of **Tourmaline Properties, Inc.**
13. **Josh Komenda**, President of **Veyo**
14. **Jody Watkins**, CEO and Founder of **Watkins Landmark Construction**
15. **Stephan Goss**, CEO of **Zeeto**

Now in its 31st year, the program has expanded to recognize business leaders in over 145 cities and more than 60 countries throughout the world.

Regional award winners are eligible for consideration for the Entrepreneur Of The Year national program. Award winners in several national categories, as well as the Entrepreneur Of The Year Overall National Award winner, will be announced at the Entrepreneur Of The Year National Awards gala in Palm Springs, California, on November 18, 2017. The awards are the culminating event of the Strategic Growth Forum™, the nation's most prestigious gathering of high-growth, market-leading companies. The Entrepreneur Of The Year Overall Award winner then moves on to compete for the World Entrepreneur Of The Year Award in Monaco in June 2018.

**To attend the gala or learn more about the San Diego program, please visit**

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