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EY Announces Entrepreneur Of The Year® 2017 Award Semifinalists in San Diego

La Jolla, April 10 – EY today announced semifinalists 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. Celebrating its 31st year, the program has expanded to recognize business leaders in over 145 cities in 60 countries throughout the world.

The finalists will be announced the week of May 22 and award winners will be announced at a special gala event on June 12, 2017, at the Fairmont Grand Del Mar.

The semifinalists are:

1. **Randy Werneth:** CEO of **Acutus Medical**
2. **Chuck Myers:** President & CEO of **Airgain, Inc.**
3. **Joseph Payne:** President, Founder & CEO, and **Pad Chivukula:** CSO & COO of **Arcturus Therapeutics, Inc.**
4. **Scot Chisholm:** CEO of **Classy, Inc.**
5. **Mark Baum:** CEO & Executive Director of **Imprimis Pharmaceuticals**
6. **Sayed Ali:** President of **Interpreters Unlimited**
7. **Jamie Sigler:** Founding Partner of **J Public Relations**
8. **Troy Wilson:** CEO & Co-Founder of **Kura Oncology Inc.**
9. **Dave Gilbert:** CEO & Founder of **National Funding**
10. **Eric Ostertag:** CEO of **Poseida Therapeutics, Inc.**
11. **Jennifer Barnes:** CEO & Co-Founder of **Pro Back Office, LLC**
12. **Chad Buckmaster:** CEO of **Processing Point, Inc.**
13. **Reid Carr:** CEO of **Red Door Interactive**

14. **David Inmon:** CEO & President of **Redhorse Corporation**
15. **Adam Stettner:** CEO of **Reliant Funding**
16. **Chad Carpenter:** Chairman & CEO of **Reven Housing REIT, Inc.**
17. **Craig Van Velzer:** CEO, and **Eric Van Velzer:** CFO of **San Diego Sign Company, Inc.**
18. **Kevin Lustig:** CEO & President of **Scientist.com (formerly Assay Depot)**
19. **Danna Korn:** CEO of **Sonic Boom Wellness**
20. **Carlos Michan:** CEO of **Strata Equity Group, Inc.**
21. **Ben Ryan:** President of **Tourmaline Properties, Inc.**
22. **Josh Komenda:** President of **Veyo**
23. **Jody Watkins:** CEO & Founder of **Watkins Landmark Construction**
24. **Stephan Goss:** CEO of **Zeeto**

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 US 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 www.ey.com/us/eoy/SanDiego or contact us at eoysandiego@ey.com.

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