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# **News Release**

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## Ernst & Young Entrepreneur Of The Year® 2011 New York finalists announced

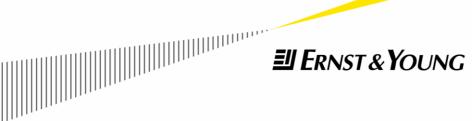
Celebrating 25 years of inspiration

New York, NY, May 9,2011 – Ernst & Young LLP is pleased to announce the Ernst & Young Entrepreneur Of The Year® New York finalists. This group of outstanding entrepreneurs was selected by an independent judging panel made up of previous winners of the award, leading CEOs, private capital investors and other regional business leaders. The winners will be revealed at a gala event on June 8, 2011 at The Marriott Marguis.

"These finalists create jobs in our area, encouraging community development and innovation in our broader economy," said Carmine Romano, Entrepreneur Of The Year Program Director. "No matter who wins on the 8<sup>th</sup> we know one thing for sure - New York is enriched by every one of these finalists."

The Ernst & Young Entrepreneur Of The Year 2011 New York finalists are:

- Mark Healy President & CEO, American Stock Transfer & Trust Company, LLC
- Chris Cunningham Co-Founder & CEO, appssavvy
- Andy Dunn Founder & CEO, Bonobos
- Michael Lazerow Founder & CEO, Buddy Media
- Mathilde Thomas Founder & Owner, Caudalie USA
- Coppy Holzman Co-Founder & CEO, charitybuzz Inc.
- Mia Bauer Co- Founder & Chief Creative Officer, Crumbs Bake Shop
- Jason Bauer President & CEO, Crumbs Bake Shop
- James D'Addario Chairman & CEO, D'Addario & Co. Inc.
- Daniel Sung Park CEO, Eclaro International, Inc.
- Michael Nardy CEO, Electronic Payments, Inc.



- Michael Ferdman Founder & CEO, Firstborn
- Alastair Ong Co-Founder & COO, GreenSoul Shoes
- Alex Mashinsky Chairman, GroundLink
- Shazi Visram Founder & CEO, HAPPYBABY
- Nathan Accad CEO, Idea Nuova Global, Inc.
- Benjamin Akkad COO, Idea Nuova Global, Inc.
- Andrew Damico President & CEO, IntraLinks, Inc.
- Chetan Dube President & CEO, IPsoft Incorporated
- Brian Harris CEO, Ladder Capital Finance LLC
- Daniel Hoffman CEO, M5 Networks, Inc.
- David Maines Co-Chairman, Maines Paper & Food Service, Inc.
- William Maines Co-Chairman, Maines Paper & Food Service, Inc.
- Christopher Mellon CEO, Maines Paper & Food Service, Inc.
- Michael Sepso Chairman, Major League Gaming, Inc. and CEO, Legion Enterprises
- Lee Zalben Founder & President, Peanut Butter & Co.
- Chaim Indig Co-Founder & CEO, Phreesia
- Jeffrey Levy President & CEO, RailWorks Corporation
- Dr. Leonard Schleifer President & CEO, Regeneron Pharmaceuticals, Inc.
- Mike Narula CEO, Reliance Communications, LLC
- Ellen Diamant Co-Founder & CCO, Skip Hop, Inc.
- Michael Diamant Co-Founder & CEO, Skip Hop, Inc.
- Anthony Scaramucci Managing Partner, SkyBridge Capital, LLC
- Eric Shepcaro CEO, Telx
- Lisa Weber CEO, Timeless Frames, Décor & Expressions
- Michael Cassidy Founder & CEO, Undertone
- Lance Broumand Founder & CEO, UrbanDaddy
- Dr. Roger Shedlin Founder & Chairman, WIN Fertility, Inc.

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 Entrepreneur Of The Year Venture Capital Award of Excellence on a national level. The overall National US winner then moves on to compete for the Ernst & Young World Entrepreneur Of The Year Award in June.

This year, the Entrepreneur Of The Year Program celebrates its 25th anniversary. The program has expanded to recognize business leaders in more than 140 cities and more than 50 countries throughout the world. Awards are given to entrepreneurs who demonstrate excellence and extraordinary success in such areas as innovation, financial performance and personal commitment to their businesses and communities.

All regional honorees are invited to the Entrepreneur Of The Year National Awards gala, hosted by Jay Leno, on November 12, 2011, 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, which will be held November 9-13, 2011. For more information on the Ernst & Young Strategic Growth Forum, please visit www.ey.com/us/strategicgrowthforum.

### **Sponsors**

Founded and produced by Ernst & Young LLP, the Entrepreneur Of The Year Awards are pleased to have the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation as a national sponsor.

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To make reservations for the Entrepreneur Of The Year Awards gala on June 8, 2011, contact Michelle Mucci Liotta of Ernst & Young at 212 773 0975 or <a href="michelle.liotta@ey.com">michelle.liotta@ey.com</a> .Tickets are \$350 per person or \$3500 per table. For more information about the program, please visit www.ey.com/us/eoy.

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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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