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The **CHANGE**MAKERS

AWARDS 2022

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25

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EY Entrepreneur Of The Year™
IRELAND PROGRAMME



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***WE ARE DELIGHTED
YOU ARE WITH US FOR THE
2022 EY ENTREPRENEUR
OF THE YEAR™ IRELAND
AWARDS.***





Roger Wallace

Partner Lead,
EY Entrepreneur Of The
Year™ Ireland Programme



OVER THE PAST 25 YEARS, THE EY ENTREPRENEUR OF THE YEAR™ (EOY) IRELAND PROGRAMME HAS BEEN DEDICATED TO DRIVING, INSPIRING AND CELEBRATING ENTREPRENEURSHIP ACROSS THE ISLAND OF IRELAND.

Tonight, we come together to celebrate a group of extraordinary people. This year, the theme for the 25th year of the EOY Programme in Ireland is 'The ChangeMakers', and our entrepreneurs have fundamentally changed the collective opportunities, ambition and confidence of the people of Ireland. Innovating in technology, science, products, and services, they have driven an entrepreneurial spirit which makes Ireland a global centre of business, investment, and growth, attracting many of the world's largest businesses and of course many hundreds of thousands of new residents.



It has been a pleasure to welcome this year's finalists to the EOY Alumni Community, they have contributed to and benefited from this unique and special group of people in equal measure.

Please join us in celebrating the incredible stories behind each and every one of this year's Finalists as we announce the winner of the 2022 EY Entrepreneur Of The Year™ Ireland Programme.

Roger Wallace

Partner Lead, EY Entrepreneur Of The Year™, Ireland

in Roger Wallace



ABOUT THE EOY PROGRAMME

THE EY ENTREPRENEUR OF THE YEAR™ PROGRAMME PASSIONATELY BELIEVES IN PROMOTING ENTREPRENEURSHIP ACROSS THE ISLAND OF IRELAND AND EMPOWERING ENTREPRENEURS TO GROW THEIR BUSINESSES IN IRELAND, NORTHERN IRELAND AND AROUND THE WORLD.

The EOY programme not only ensures national and international recognition for successful finalists and alumni, but also provides an invaluable network and business development opportunity within a growing, 580 strong EOY Alumni community.

THE CHANGEMAKERS:

Entrepreneurs are truly revolutionising Ireland through their relentless determination to completely disrupt the status quo by creating new opportunities within Ireland and improving the lives of all our Island's residents by building and retaining new communities. They have transformed Ireland into a hub of excellence by offering exciting prospects and possibilities for our increasingly talented workforce and students. Only a special kind of leader has the ability to ignore the critics and transform blue-sky dreams into new realities that contribute value and purpose beyond simple profits. We call these entrepreneurs The ChangeMakers.



Frank O'Keeffe
Managing Partner
EY Ireland

I WOULD LIKE TO EXTEND A VERY WARM WELCOME TO THIS, THE 25TH ANNUAL EY ENTREPRENEUR OF THE YEAR™ AWARDS.

Over the past 25 years, it has been EY Ireland's great honour to lead a programme dedicated to supporting entrepreneurship across the island of Ireland. Through the EY Entrepreneur Of The Year™ programme we aim to celebrate and nurture the incredible individuals whose passion, drive and relentless pursuit of opportunity is nothing short of inspirational.

Rather fittingly the theme of this year's awards is the ChangeMakers. ChangeMakers transform and inspire in equal measure. They create new and better realities, and they make a lasting difference to our communities and our economies. This is true of each of the finalists here



this evening and it is true of the previous finalists who have participated in the EY Entrepreneur Of The Year™ programme over the past 25 years.

Our Alumni network comprises more than 580 entrepreneurs on this island. Collectively these businesses employ more than 200,000 people and generate revenues in excess of €23 billion. They are the backbone of our economies and strong beacons of light on our island.

It is a source of great pride that our firm champions and celebrates the incredible spirit of entrepreneurship that exists throughout the island of Ireland. It is a privilege for us to work alongside each of you and to support your success.

An entrepreneur's journey requires an abundance of innovation and the courage to lead and at EY these values are core to all that we do. In a rapidly evolving world, we all must adapt so that we can continue to thrive and achieve our full potential while serving the needs of all our stakeholders.

I wish each and every one of our 2022 finalists the very best of luck this evening and continued success for the future as you advance in your journey as ChangeMakers in the global marketplace.

Frank O'Keefe

Managing Partner, EY Ireland

in Frank O'Keefe



ABOUT EY

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SPECIAL AWARD

THE SPECIAL AWARD IS PRESENTED EACH YEAR TO AN INDIVIDUAL WHO HAS USED THEIR IMAGINATION AND ENTREPRENEURIAL SPIRIT TO BENEFIT IRELAND AS A WHOLE. THEY ARE TRUE VISIONARIES WHO HAVE CHALLENGED THE STATUS QUO AND PUSHED BOUNDARIES TO BUILD A BETTER WORKING WORLD FOR ALL THOSE AROUND THEM.

Last year, Mary Robinson, Former President of Ireland, received the award for her dedication to addressing the global climate crisis, her ability to bring about huge positive change, and her track record of revolutionising every role she has taken on. She displayed many key characteristics that are shared by successful entrepreneurs, including her ability to see no challenge as impossible.

Tonight, we celebrate an inspiring individual and recognise their contribution and immense efforts in a series of leadership roles. We look forward to highlighting the incredible achievements of our 2022 Special Award winner this evening.



JUDGING PANEL

WITH 24 INSPIRING FINALISTS IN OUR 2022 EY ENTREPRENEUR OF THE YEAR™ PROGRAMME, THE JOB OF CHOOSING TONIGHT'S WINNERS IS HARDER THAN EVER.

That challenging task has been given to our extremely distinguished judging panel, chaired by 2006 EY Entrepreneur Of The Year™ winner, Anne Heraty.

Our judging panel consists of 11 former category and overall winners, alongside representatives from two of our island's economic development agencies & programme sponsors, Invest Northern Ireland, and Enterprise Ireland.

All of our judges have been tremendously committed to the judging process over the past year, and their tireless efforts have ensured that tonight's winners are truly deserving of the title of EY Entrepreneur Of The Year™ 2022.



JUDGING PANEL



**ANNE
HERATY**
CPL Resources PLC
CHAIRPERSON



**AIMEE
CONNOLLY**
Sculpted By Aimee



**JOE
HOGAN**
Openet



**DENIS
O'BRIEN**
Digicel Group



**MARK
RODEN**
Ding



**EDMOND
HARTY**
Innovalogix



MICHAEL CAREY
The Company of
Food/East Coast
Bakehouse



**EVELYN
O'TOOLE**
CLS



**RICHARD
KENNEDY**
Chairman Intertrade
Ireland



**HARRY
HUGHES**
Portwest UC



**JENNY
MELIA**
Enterprise Ireland



**JERRY
KENNELLY**
Tweak



**JEREMY
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 [juliusbaer.com](https://www.juliusbaer.com)

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 [Julius Baer](https://www.linkedin.com/company/juliusbaer)



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Thank you, Invest Northern Ireland and **Jeremy Fitch** for your continued involvement and support for the programme.



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Invest Northern Ireland



enterprise-ireland.com

Enterprise Ireland is the Irish government organisation responsible for the development and growth of Irish enterprises. Through partnerships, Enterprise Ireland helps Irish companies to start, grow, innovate and scale internationally in global markets. Since the very beginning, Enterprise Ireland has been an amazing supporter of the programme and has made a huge contribution over the years.

Special thanks to Enterprise Ireland's **Jennifer Melia**, Manager of the High Potential Start Up Division for her involvement during the year.



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/2022 FINALISTS/



EMERGING

John Harkin
Alchemy Technology Services

Alan Carson
Cloudsmith

Caroline Dunlea
Core Optimisation

Helen Cahill
InvoiceFair

Stephen Nolan
Nutritics

Fionn Lahart & Christoph Hennersperger
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LED Group ROBUS

Jamie O'Rourke
Mainline

Martin McKay
Texthelp Ltd

Jack Pierse & Aidan Corbett
Wayflyer



EMERGING

2022 Finalists

The Emerging category nominees run businesses that have been trading for a minimum of two years. They are high-potential, dynamic, resourceful and the 'ones-to-watch' for the future.



John Harkin

Alchemy Technology Services

John is the CEO and Co-Founder of Alchemy Technology Services, a global centre of excellence for insurance software implementation. Since established in 2018, Alchemy have grown to 160+ with plans for another 100 roles in 2023.

Location: Derry

 alchemytechs.com

 [john-harkin](#)

 [@harkinjohnp](#)

 [John Harkin](#)



Alan Carson

Cloudsmith

Alan Carson is Co-Founder and CEO at Cloudsmith. A UK based software asset management company that holds one of the largest Series A funding records in the Northern Ireland tech sector. Since their launch in 2018, the company have doubled their portfolio of supported package formats, tripled their headcount and ship, support and export globally with teams in Belfast, Dublin, London and across the US.

Location: Belfast

 cloudsmith.com

 [alancarson](#)

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 [Alan Carson](#)



Caroline Dunlea

Core Optimisation

Caroline Dunlea is CEO and co-founder of Clare-based company Core Optimisation, an award-winning digital growth agency in Ireland, supporting digital transformation and digital performance growth for businesses within the Irish and UK market.

Location: Clare

 coreoptimisation.com

 [core-optimisation](https://www.linkedin.com/company/core-optimisation)

 [@coreoptimise](https://twitter.com/coreoptimise)

 [Caroline Dunlea](https://www.youtube.com/CarolineDunlea)



Helen Cahill

InvoiceFair

Helen Cahill is Co-Founder & CEO of working capital funding platform InvoiceFair. A passion for technology and solving market failures was the inspiration for the business which has provided over €1.25bn of growth funding to scaling companies over the last five years.

Location: Dublin

 invoicefair.com

 [helen-cahill](#)

 [@HelenCa](#)

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Stephen Nolan

Nutritics

Stephen is Managing Director of Nutritics. Nutritics' software helps food businesses unlock the hidden value of food data, to manage recipes, create labels, plan meals, publish menus and measure their environmental impact. Their software is used by some of the world's leading food businesses including Aramark, Compass Group, Starbucks, TGI Fridays & PepsiCo.

Location: Dublin

 nutritics.com

 [nolanstephen](https://www.linkedin.com/in/nolanstephen)

 [@Nutritics](https://twitter.com/Nutritics)

 [Stephen Nolan](https://www.youtube.com/StephenNolan)



Fionn Lahart & Christoph Hennersperger

OneProjects

Fionn (CEO) & Christoph (CTO) are the co-founders of OneProjects, a venture backed MedTech company developing revolutionary cardiac technology to help millions of patients suffering from heart diseases. With a team of 40 across offices in Dublin and Munich, OneProjects will expand in to the USA in 2023.

Location: Dublin and Munich

 one-projects.com

 [oneprojects](https://www.linkedin.com/company/oneprojects)

 [@oneprojects](https://twitter.com/oneprojects)

 [Fionn Lahart & Christoph Hennersperger](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=...)



Evelyn Kelly

Orphan Drug Consulting Ltd

Founded by Evelyn in 2017, Orphan Drug Consulting has a team of over 30 experts across seven countries and has supported 35+ pharmaceutical companies to launch medicines for rare diseases in over 100 countries globally.

Location: Dublin

 orphandrugconsulting.com

 [orphan-drug-consulting](https://www.linkedin.com/company/orphan-drug-consulting)

 [@consultevelyn](https://twitter.com/consultevelyn)

 [Evelyn Kelly](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC...)



EST

ESTABLISHED

2022 Finalists

These entrepreneurs are significant employers on the island of Ireland and are mainly focused on the Irish and UK markets. They are market leaders in their sectors and have made a huge contribution to the economy.



Kieran Cusack & Tom O'Connor

Conack Construction Ltd

Tom O'Connor & Kieran Cusack are joint Managing Director of Conack, a leading building and civil engineering contractor based in the Midwest. Founded in 2008, with two jeeps and a trailer, Tom and Kieran have built Conack into a tier 1 contractor with nationwide operations.

Location: Limerick

 conack.ie

 [conack-construction](https://www.linkedin.com/company/conack-construction)

 [@weareconack](https://twitter.com/weareconack)

 [Kieran Cusack & Tom O'Connor](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Kieran_Cusack_Tom_O'Connor)



Harriet Dunne

I.C.E Comfort Slat Mats Ltd

Harriet is Managing Director of I.C.E Comfort Slat Mats Ltd (ICECSM). With its manufacturing facility in Dublin, ICECSM has been recognised for its expertise in design and manufacturing, winning many awards for its Technical Innovation, Environmental Sustainability & Animal Welfare with their patented bespoke Slat Mats and Mat & Valve system for use in Cattle housing and outdoor pads on farms. Comfort Slat Mats are exported to 14 countries.

Location: Dublin

 comfortslatmats.com

 Harriet Dunne



Louis Copeland

Louis Copeland & Sons Ltd

Louis Copeland is the owner of the 4th generation family business, Louis Copeland & Sons, Ireland's leading menswear retailer, specialising in smart-casual and formalwear, with stores in Dublin, Cork & Galway.

Location: Dublin

 louiscopeland.com

 [louis-copeland](https://www.linkedin.com/company/louis-copeland)

 [@louis_copeland](https://twitter.com/louis_copeland)

 [Louis Copeland](https://www.youtube.com/LouisCopeland)



Andrew Lynas

Lynas Foodservice

Andrew is Group Managing Director of Lynas Foodservice, a third generation family business supplying good food since 1951. With a team of 700 people, Lynas Foodservice ensures that the highest service, choice & quality are delivered each and every time to their 4,000+ foodservice customers.

Location: Coleraine

 lynasfoodservice.com

 [lynas-foodservice](https://www.linkedin.com/company/lynas-foodservice)

 [@LynasFoodGroup](https://twitter.com/LynasFoodGroup)

 [Andrew Lynas](https://www.youtube.com/AndrewLynas)



Michelle Daly

P&G Cards Ltd

Michelle Daly is the Managing Director of P&G Cards Ltd. They design, manufacture and distribute greeting cards, gift wrapping and seasonal gifts.

Their customers include large multiple and symbol retailers along with independent stores. They also export to Spain, Malta & France.

Location: Roscommon

 pandgcards.com

 [dalymichelle](https://www.linkedin.com/in/dalymichelle)

 [@pandg_cards](https://twitter.com/pandg_cards)

 [Michelle Daly](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC...)



Alan Browne

KOREC

Alan Browne is CEO of KOREC Group, a company specialising in the provision of intuitive software and world lead positioning technology for the measurement, mapping and management of the natural and built environment.

Location: Dublin

 korecgroup.com

 [korec-group](https://www.linkedin.com/company/korec-group)

 [@KORECGroup](https://twitter.com/KORECGroup)

 [Alan Browne](https://www.youtube.com/AlanBrowne)



Cathal Fay

PrepayPower

Cathal is CEO of PrepayPower, launched in 2011 to provide electricity on a pay-as-you-go basis, empowering customers to take control of their costs. Broadband and gas have since been added and the company now has 170,000 customers with a fantastic team of 350 driving the business forward.

Location: Dublin

 prepaypower.ie

 [cathal-fay-6447102](https://www.linkedin.com/in/cathal-fay-6447102)

 [Cathal Fay](https://www.youtube.com/CathalFay)



Paul Stewart

My Baggage

Paul is the founder of My Baggage, a door-to-door delivery company that specialises in sending personal effects around the world. My Baggage helps people move abroad to work, study or travel and has 125,000 customers.

Location: Belfast

 mybaggage.com

 [paul-stewart-belfast](https://www.linkedin.com/in/paul-stewart-belfast)

 [@paulrstewart](https://twitter.com/paulrstewart)

 [Paul Stewart](https://www.youtube.com/PaulStewart)



INT

INTERNATIONAL

2022 Finalists

This category consists of entrepreneurs who are global players. Their companies operate in multiple markets across the globe and can be headquartered here in Ireland or overseas.



Justin Lawless

Intact

Justin is the CEO of Intact, the creator of the award-winning ERP software Intact iQ and Intact Xline. Intact helps thousands of product-centric businesses to digitally transform and enable them to operate at their best.

Location: Dundalk

 intactsoftware.com

 [justinlawless](#)

 [@JustinIntact](#)

 [Justin Lawless](#)



John T. O'Sullivan

BioAtlantis Ltd

John was born in Cahersiveen, County Kerry. Trained in practice and qualified as a Chartered Accountant, he subsequently joined Golden Vale Plc in 1989 and moved to Kerry Ingredients in 1991. John was appointed operations manager for the €150M Proteins Division in 1994. Subsequently, John left Kerry in 1998 and joined Kerry Algae as Managing Director and then went on to found BioAtlantis in 2004.

Location: Kerry

 bioatlantis.com

 [bioatlantis](https://www.linkedin.com/company/bioatlantis)

 [@bioatlantis](https://twitter.com/bioatlantis)

 [John T. O'Sullivan](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC...)



Gregory Bradley

BLK BOX

Greg Bradley is the Founder of BLK BOX who are one of Europe's leading Strength & Conditioning Equipment manufacturers.

The company are based in Belfast with over 90 team members. Key clients include Man Utd, Irish Rugby and Nike.

Location: Belfast

 blkboxfitness.com

 [gregory-bradley](#)

 [@blkboxfitness](#)

 [Gregory Bradley](#)



Michael Dixon

Dixon International Logistics Ltd

Michael is the Managing Director of Dixon International Logistics, which he founded in 1998. With a fleet of over 300 trucks operating daily throughout Ireland, UK, & Europe, Dixon International employs 450 people across offices in Dublin, Castleblayney, Keady and Cork, as well as at their UK office in Coventry. Dixon also specialise in Temperature Controlled warehousing, with over 20,000.

Location: Dublin

 dixontransport.com

 [michael-dixon-international](https://www.linkedin.com/in/michael-dixon-international)

 [@michael-dixon-](https://twitter.com/michael-dixon-)

 [Michael Dixon](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCMichaelDixon)



Jacqueline O'Reilly

KonFloor

Jacqueline is the co-founder and joint owner of KonFloor alongside her five siblings. Konfloor is a leading specialist industrial concrete flooring contractor in Ireland and the UK. In 2016, they expanded the company into Northern Europe with a particular focus on the data-centre industry.

Location: Armagh

 konfloor.com

 [jacqueline-o-reilly](#)

 [Jacqueline O'Reilly](#)



Mick G. Slein

LED Group ROBUS

Mick G. Slein is the CEO of LED Group ROBUS. ROBUS is an international lighting company established in 1984 and the largest Irish lighting company in the world with commercial success across Ireland, the UK, Europe, USA and Australasia.

Location: Dublin

 [robust.com](https://www.robust.com)

 [mick-slein](https://www.linkedin.com/in/mick-slein)

 [@robustlighting](https://twitter.com/robustlighting)

 [Mick G Slein](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC...)



Jamie O'Rourke

Mainline

Jamie is the CEO of Mainline, a key design and build provider in the renewable energy and engineering sectors.

Having delivered on some of Europe's biggest Windfarms, and critical national infrastructure projects, Mainline's focus going forward is on the delivery of local and international renewables and aviation projects.

Location: Cork

 mainline.ie

 [mainlinegroup](https://www.linkedin.com/company/mainlinegroup)

 [@Mainlinegroup](https://twitter.com/Mainlinegroup)

 [Jamie O'Rourke](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC...)



Martin McKay

Texthelp Ltd

Martin is Founder & CEO of Texthelp, a global inclusive technology company made up of 350+ people. Their software supports over 50 million individuals to understand and be understood, across all stages of life. By 2030, Martin and his team aim to have advanced the literacy of 1 billion people.

Location: Antrim

 texthelp.com

 [martinmckay](https://www.linkedin.com/in/martinmckay)

 [@martinmckay](https://twitter.com/martinmckay)

 [Martin McKay](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC...)



Jack Pierse & Aidan Corbett

Wayflyer

Aidan Corbett and Jack Pierse are the founders of Wayflyer. Aidan is chief executive while Jack Pierse manages all things finance and accounting at the company. Wayflyer provides working capital to ecommerce merchants for purchasing inventory and online marketing.

Location: Dublin

 wayflyer.com

 [wayflyer](https://www.linkedin.com/company/wayflyer)

 [Jack Pierse & Aidan Corbett](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=...)



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The EOY Programme and access to the Alumni has been instrumental in my growth and Ergo's growth, it is truly first class.

JOHN PURDY
ERGO



As part of their EY Entrepreneur Of The Year™ journey, our 24 Finalists have engaged in a strategic development programme and tonight's Awards is the culmination of this journey as each of their incredible achievements are celebrated. However, our Finalist's EOY journey doesn't end tonight!

The EOY programme offers a gateway into the island of Ireland's most prestigious and exclusive entrepreneurial community – the EOY Alumni Community.

Growing bigger each year, the EOY Alumni is a tight knit cohort of now 580 of our island's best entrepreneurs and business leaders. The Alumni are at the heart of all EOY activity, and this community enables the top entrepreneurs on the island of Ireland to network and collaborate with each other, year after year. All Finalists are automatically inducted into this prodigious inner circle, which offers Alumni a plethora of business development opportunities and an unrivalled support network.

Over the past year, our Finalists have been on a journey of acclaim, community and challenge. This journey began with the opening of the nomination window in January and concludes tonight at our Awards. Our 2022 Finalists' journey may be ending this evening, but tonight also marks the beginning of their Alumni Journey.



CALENDAR

20 JAN

NOMINATIONS OPENED

FEB-MAR

NOMINEE INTERVIEWS

16 MAR

NOMINATIONS CLOSED

13 MAY

**24 FINALISTS ANNOUNCED ACROSS
IRISH MEDIA**

MAY

FINALISTS INDUCTION CEREMONY

10 JUN

**EY WORLD ENTREPRENEUR OF THE
YEAR™ 2022**

JUL-OCT

**FINALISTS ENTREPRENEURIAL EVOLUTION
SESSIONS AND FINALISTS FILMING**

8 SEP

**MEET THE JUDGES – FINALISTS
INTERVIEWS**

11-18 SEP

CEO RETREAT

8 NOV

FINAL JUDGING

30 NOV

2022 EOY GALA AWARDS NIGHT



CEO RETREAT

ONE OF THE HIGHLIGHTS OF THE EY ENTREPRENEUR OF THE YEAR™ CALENDAR IS THE ANNUAL CEO RETREAT.

This event, exclusively designed for our EOY Community, usually sees us travel internationally, where we expose the entrepreneurs to world class executive education, company site visits and thought leaders.

This year, we were thrilled to be back overseas in Austin, Texas and New York City. A great week was had, filled with plenty of thought leadership, executive education and company site visits with over 100 of the EOY Alumni in attendance. Some highlights included Dell Technologies, New York Stock Exchange opening bell, The University of Texas at Austin and a special guest visit from John McEnroe.

As an integral cornerstone of our programme, we were delighted to be able to host our alumni community once again overseas while also building a dynamic, engaging and valuable agenda for our EOY community.





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The EY Entrepreneur Of The Year™ programme is one of the best experiences I have been part of. Not only has it given me the opportunity to meet an amazing network of inspirational entrepreneurs, I have also made lifetime friendships — and that is priceless.

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EY WORLD ENTREPRENEUR OF THE YEAR

THE EY ENTREPRENEUR OF THE YEAR™ IS A GLOBAL PROGRAMME RUN BY EY IN OVER 145 CITIES ACROSS 60 COUNTRIES WORLDWIDE.

In previous years, every June, individual country winners gathered in Monte Carlo for the EY World Entrepreneur Of The Year™ (WEOY) Awards.

Brian O' Sullivan, Zeus Packaging Ireland's 2021 winner, represented Ireland and met the respected judging panel and the world's media. Gastón Taratuta, founder and CEO of global advertising holding company Aleph in Argentina, named EY World Entrepreneur Of The Year™ 2022.

The winner of tonight's prestigious award will be given the amazing opportunity to represent Ireland at the World EOY Awards in 2022.

More about EY World Entrepreneur Of The Year™ can be found here.



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ALUMNI BOARD

THE EOY ALUMNI BOARD IS A VOLUNTARY, ORGANISED GROUP OF IRISH ENTREPRENEURS, WHO HAVE ALL SHARED THE EXPERIENCE OF BEING CHOSEN AS FINALISTS IN THE EY ENTREPRENEUR OF THE YEAR™ PROGRAMME.

The EOY Alumni Board advocate on behalf of the EOY Alumni Community and strive to make a meaningful and powerful contribution to their fellow EOY Alumni, their businesses and the wider Irish community.

As we celebrate the 25th year of the programme on the island of Ireland, EY and the EOY Alumni Board encourage our Finalists to engage with this unique and vibrant community of past Finalists and winners into the future.

We invite each of our EOY Alumni to join us at our numerous EOY Alumni events that are organised throughout the year.



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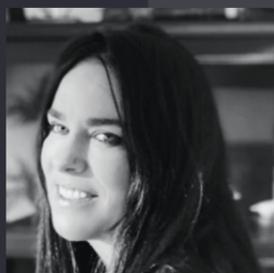
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