

Alastair Stewart wins at Entrepreneur Of The Year 2019, London & South East.

Alastair Stewart, MD of etc.venues, won the 'Transformational Leader' award at this year's EY Entrepreneur Of The Year London & South East.



etc.venues is a leading provider of urban venues for conferences and events in London and the UK. With the first of three New York venues just announced and a 17th UK event space due to be opened, etc.venues is embarking on a transformation into a global brand.

Stewart was commended by the judges for successfully leading “his business through various cycles” and for “creating immense value”. etc.venues has grown almost seven-fold with Alastair at the helm and plans to double in size in the next 3-5 years under newly-strengthened leadership which sees Nick Hoare join as COO and Ed Ethelston as FD.

Paul Etherington, EY Entrepreneur Of The Year leader for the Thames Valley and South, said: “Congratulations to Alastair for being recognised at our Entrepreneur Of The Year 2019 London & South East awards last week, and for his hard work in transforming etc.venues to be the successful business it is today. Alastair’s personal story is inspirational, having led the business through two successful UK PE investment cycles and now transforming the business into a global brand with the recently announced New York rollout.”

Other winners

In total, seven entrepreneurs in the London & South East region, were presented with EY Entrepreneur Of The Year awards. They are as follows:

Disruptor – Martin Frost, CMR Surgical, based in Cambridge – a UK-based company developing the next-generation surgical robot, Versius.

Rising Star (& overall winner) – Norris Koppel, Monese, based in London – allows customers to bank like locals across the UK and Europe with a UK and European IBAN bank account. The app is available in 12 different languages.

Rising Star – Tugce Bulut, Streetbees, based in London – collects real time insights worldwide, using artificial intelligence and geolocation technology to make market research more effective.

Societal Impact – Dr Emer MacSweeney, Re:Cognition Health, based in London – a cognitive impairment and mental health provider with clinics in the UK and the US. They diagnose and treat: ADHD, Autism, Alzheimer’s disease and mild Traumatic Brain Injury.

Sustained Excellence – Gurman Hundal, MiQ, based in London – a marketing intelligence company, with a platform that combines real-world, digital data and applies marketing intelligence to provide customers insights.

Scale Up - Ali Shah, TravelUp Group, based in Reading - an online travel agent that offers value for money flight and hotel deals, utilising a bespoke deal finder technology.

All regional winners (Scotland, North, Midlands & South West, and London & South East) will now compete for the title of ‘EY Entrepreneur Of The Year overall winner’ in the UK Final held in London in November and the chance to represent the UK at the World Entrepreneur Of The Year awards in summer 2020.



From left: Ali Shah, Dr Emer MacSweeney, Gurman Hundal, Norris Koppel, Martin Frost, Alastair Stewart

Judges

The EY Entrepreneur Of The Year London & South East independent judging panel was chaired by Matt Isaacs, Co-Founder and Chairman of Essence. He was joined by:

- Jack Bowman, founder, Oxbridge Investment Capital
- Farida Gibbs, CEO, Gibbs Hybrid
- Irina Hemmers, partner, Inflexion Private Equity Partners LLP
- Henrietta Morrison, founder, executive chair and brand director, Lily’s Kitchen
- Simon Stewart, founder and CEO, The Growth Stage

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