



Finalists for entrepreneur of the year award named

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Enterprise Qatar and Ernst & Young have jointly brought 'Ernst & Young's Entrepreneur Of The Year' (EOY) - one of the world's most prestigious business award programmes - to Qatar for the first time.

The award recognises outstanding entrepreneurs for their vision, innovation, courage and leadership in building and growing successful businesses.

Of the six visionary entrepreneurs shortlisted as finalists for the EOY 2011, the winner will be announced on March 28 at a gala dinner to be held at the Ritz Carlton Hotel, Doha under the patronage of HE the Minister of Business and Trade Sheikh Jassim bin Abdulaziz al-Thani in the presence of other high profile dignitaries.

The six finalists are Abdulaziz al-Dolaimi of National Petroleum Services, Zeyad al-Jaidah and Abdullah Alansari of Techno Q, Ashraf Abu Issa of Abu Issa Holding, Jassim al-Mansoori of iHorizons, Mohamed al-Emadi of Al Emadi Enterprises and Omran al-Kuwari of GreenGulf Inc.

Enterprise Qatar chief executive officer Noora al-Mannai said: "These nominations were considered by a joint committee between Enterprise Qatar and Ernst & Young after interviewing the potential entrepreneurs and analysing their businesses. All shortlisted entrepreneurs will be thoroughly evaluated by an independent judges committee of senior officials and policy makers in order to nominate the award winner in a strictly confidential evaluation."

Ernst & Young, Qatar office managing partner Firas Qoussous said: "The six finalists are true examples of successful entrepreneurs. We are honoured to be highlighting their accomplishments to the business community in Qatar and are committed to supporting start-ups and rewarding outstanding entrepreneurs."

The winner of the Qatar EOY award will represent the country at the Ernst & Young World Entrepreneur Of The Year award ceremony which will take place in June in Monte Carlo.

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