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Inaugural Enterprise Blockchain Awards 2019 announces shortlist

-- Companies and individuals at forefront of blockchain revolution for business celebrated at gala dinner in Toronto --

Toronto, Canada. The Enterprise Blockchain Awards (EBA) today unveiled its shortlist in four categories. Overseen by a selection committee chaired by MIT visiting lecturer and former IBM executive, Irving Wladawsky-Berger, the inaugural awards honour the foremost thinkers, leaders, and builders in enterprise blockchain technology and will bring together the brightest and best of the international community to celebrate both their achievements and opportunities. Winners will be announced at a gala dinner on April 24th at the Steam Whistle Locomotive Hall in Toronto, Canada, held in conjunction with the inaugural Blockchain Revolution Global congress taking place on April 24 - 25, 2019.

The list of awards and finalists include:

- 1. **Blockchain Leadership:** honouring an executive who has championed blockchain for their industry (two subcategories):
- Enterprise Leadership
 - o Bernie Moreno, Ownum
 - Antony Welfare, Luxoft
 - o Marie L. Wieck, IBM
- Ecosystem Leadership
 - Dale Chrystie, FedEx
 - o Tonya M. Evans, University of New Hampshire School of Law
 - Roanie Levy, Access Copyright/Prescient Innovations
 - Andrew McCormack, Payments Canada
- Enterprise Blockchain Transformation: recognizing companies that are using blockchain to transform their industries, based on a commitment to drive innovation (two subcategories):
- <u>Enterprise Applications & Ecosystems</u>
 - Access Copyright/Prescient Innovations
 - Synaptic Health Alliance
 - University Health Network
 - Virgin Money South Africa

- Services, Platforms & Solutions
 - Bangladesh Computer Council
 - HCL Technologies
 - o IBM
 - Quorum
 - Yinuo Finance
- 3. *Innovative Entrepreneurship in Blockchain:* recognizing a start-up that provides innovative blockchain solutions to support enterprises in the journey to transform their businesses (two subcategories):
- Enterprise Applications & Ecosystems
 - BurstIQ
 - Everledger
 - Power Ledger
 - Quantstamp
 - Voatz
- Services, Platforms & Solutions
 - Authenticiti
 - BlockApps
 - o Kaleido
 - SmartFabric
 - Sovrin Foundation
 - Sweetbridge
- 4. **New Frontier in Enterprise Blockchain Research:** recognizing a researcher/academic who leverages blockchain technology to push boundaries of new business models:
 - Angelo De Caro, IBM Research
 - o Eden Dhaliwal, Outlier Ventures
 - Henry Kim & Marek Laskowski, Blockchain Lab at the Schulich School of Business
 - Satoshi Imai, Akira Ito, Takao Ogura & Takeshi Miyamae, Fujitsu Labs

In addition, the **Young Leaders Award** will be presented to Alishba Imran, a 15-year-old researching and developing blockchain applications for healthcare.

Hosted by Canadian comedians, Colin Mochrie and Deb McGrath, the evening will feature technology innovator and award-winning musician Imagen Heap, opening the EBA gala dinner with a song that showcases her ground-breaking music wearable tech, the MI.MU gloves. There will also be a performance by the new blockchain rock group, The BeatCoins. Individual tickets and tables of 8 are available at www.blockchainrevolutionglobal.com/ebawards.

Accelerating the Blockchain Revolution

A partnership between the <u>Blockchain Research Institute</u> and <u>MCI Group</u>, Blockchain Revolution Global's mission is to inspire and prepare enterprise leaders for the

transformation that blockchain technology will bring to their businesses. Bringing more than 50 leading-edge practitioners and thinkers from around the world, BRG is creating a global arena to connect and learn across ten different streams including finance, healthcare, security & identity, supply chain, and regulation. BRG is part of Toronto Blockchain Week.

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