



EY Announces Michael Wong of Genea as Entrepreneur Of The Year® 2019 Award Semifinalist in Orange County

IRVINE, Calif. – April 10, 2019 - EY today announced that Michael Wong, President and CEO of Genea is a semifinalist for the Entrepreneur Of The Year® 2019 Award in Orange County. The awards program recognizes entrepreneurs who are excelling in areas such as innovation, financial performance and personal commitment to their businesses and communities. Wong was selected as a semifinalist by a panel of independent [judges](#). Award winners will be announced at a special award gala on Tuesday, June 18, 2019, at the Monarch Beach Resort.

Wong left a successful career in private equity in 2011 to become Genea's President and CEO. Since then, he's taken the company from being nearly bankrupt to being one the most trusted software companies in the commercial real estate industry. Genea's software is in over 160 million square feet of office space in the United States and is rapidly expanding, with a customer retention rate over 99%.

"At Genea, the foundation of our success, and the key to our consistent growth, is the exceptional service we provide our customers. We listen to their needs and earn their trust. Over the years I've learned that people don't do business with technology, they do business with people. I am profoundly honored to be recognized by EY for my role at Genea, but the honor really belongs to every single person on the Genea the Genea team," says Wong.

Now in its 33rd year, the program has expanded to recognize business leaders in more than 145 cities and more than 60 countries throughout the world.

To learn more about the Orange County program, please visit <http://www.ey.com/us/eoy/oc>. Join the conversation on social media by following us [@EY_EOYUS](#) and using #EOYOC.

Regional award winners are eligible for consideration for the Entrepreneur Of The Year® competition. Award winners in several national categories, as well as the Entrepreneur Of The Year National Overall Award winner, will be announced at the Entrepreneur Of The Year National Awards gala in Palm Springs, California, on November 16, 2019. The awards are the culminating event of the [Strategic Growth Forum®](#), the nation's most prestigious gathering of high-growth, market-leading companies.

Sponsors

Founded and produced by Ernst & Young LLP, the Entrepreneur Of The Year Awards are nationally sponsored by SAP America and the Kauffman Foundation. In Orange County, local sponsors include Platinum sponsors: Stradling Yocca Carlson & Rauth, P.C., Hollencrest Capital Management, Lockton Insurance Brokers, LLC and Gold sponsor: Tangram.

About Genea

Genea helps property teams eliminate the painful, manual processes around overtime HVAC requests, submeter management, and tenant billing. Genea's software is implemented in over 160 million square feet of office space, helping hundreds of property teams modernize their tenant billing experience. The software is backed by 24/7 support and monitoring from Genea's US-based service team, resulting in a 99% customer retention rate. For more information, visit www.getgenea.com.

About Entrepreneur Of The Year®

Entrepreneur Of The Year® is the world's most prestigious business awards program for entrepreneurs. The program 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 awards program 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 145 cities in more than 60 countries. Please visit ey.com/eoy.

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