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SAKER NUSSEIBEH ANNOUNCED AS NATIONAL BUSINESS AWARDS FINALIST

In the running for the Ashridge Business School Leader of the Year Award

Finalists include Fiona Woolf CBE, Ronan Dunne, Steve Morgan OBE and Moya Greene

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Winner to be revealed at award ceremony on 11 November 2014

Saker Nusseibeh, CEO of Hermes Investment Management, has been shortlisted for the Ashridge Business School Leader of the Year Award for his campaign to change the culture and perception of the fund management industry through initiatives like the 300 Club - which brings together investment professionals from around the world 'to raise uncomfortable and fundamental questions about the investment management industry'.

Nusseibeh will be up against four other high profile business leaders including: Fiona Woolf, Lord Mayor of the City of London; Ronan Dunne, CEO of Telefonica UK; Steve Morgan, Executive Chairman of Redrow; and Moya Greene, CEO of Royal Mail.

Nusseibeh commented: "I believe that those of us privileged to be in leadership positions must work to improve our society. The free capital wealth of the UK belongs to individual savers, it's their money that saved the banks and they are the shareholders of our multi national corporations. We have a duty to protect their money and behave responsibly. I am honoured to be nominated for the Ashridge Business School Leader of the Year Award and to be considered alongside peers whose work and ethics I admire."

The winner will be chosen by a combination of a public vote and a peer ballot of over 40 executives. Members of the public can vote by visiting www.nationalbusinessawards.co.uk and choosing their favourite candidate online until 28th October. The winner will be revealed at the award ceremony on 11 November at the Grosvenor House Hotel, Park Lane.

The CEO judging panel will be chaired by Allister Heath, Deputy Editor, Telegraph Media Group, and will comprise business leaders and influencers including: Dame Helen Alexander, Chairman of UBM; Dominic Jermey, Chief Executive of UK Trade & Investment; Joe Lynam, the BBC's Business Economics Correspondent; and Nigel Kershaw, Chairman of Big Issue Invest. They will convene at a private screening of video interviews of the finalists on 29th October to debate the attributes of each and vote for the strongest candidate.

The Ashridge Business School Leader of the Year Award recognises the personal impact of the UK's most high profile leaders on the culture and success of their organisations and the industries they operate in. Judges look at how these leaders have demonstrated the best balance between traditional board values and the new business environment – achieving measured and sustainable

growth or driving improved performance. This year the panel will be focusing on transformation and how these leaders have led it in the most successful way considering the context of their organisation.

Alex Evans, Programme Director of the National Business Awards said: "Each of this year's Leader of the Year finalists have successfully led change at their organisations - whether it's Steve Morgan's turnaround of Redrow's financial performance; Ronan Dunne's disruptive business model for O2; Saker Nusseibeh's campaign to change the culture of investment management at Hermes and the wider industry; Fiona Woolf's work to change perceptions in and of the City of London; and Moya Greene's engagement of staff and the unions in the Royal Mail's privatisation."

Kai Peters, CEO at Ashridge Business School commented: "The central theme for this year's Leader of the Year Award is 'the transformational leader'. Leadership is increasingly complex. The digital age has changed the way we work and has powerfully impacted on society, politics and business worldwide. Geographic and cultural boundaries have become blurred and the rapid pace of globalisation is changing the definition of what makes a good business leader. Today, leaders at all levels require not only outstanding skills, confidence and resilience, they must also model sustainable and authentic leadership and innovate to create an ethical environment.

"At Ashridge, our focus is on developing the practical skills, knowledge, characteristics and behaviours of leaders to create positive change in their organisation and industry. I am impressed by the calibre and achievements of the five inspirational and exceptional CEOs selected for this award. Robust ethical leadership to navigate these turbulent times has never been greater, and this award celebrates some of the best CEOs in business today."

Previous winners of the award include Martin McCourt, Former CEO Dyson (2010), Ruby McGregor-Smith, CEO MITIE Group (2011), Phil Smith, CEO of Cisco UK & Ireland (2012) and Harriet Green, CEO Thomas Cook (2013).

All finalists for this year's National Business Awards have now been revealed, showcasing over 140 of Britain's leading businesses, business leaders and social enterprises. The finalists represent categories including the Market Gravity Innovation Award, the UKTI Digital Business of the Year and the QBE FTSE 100 Business of the Year.

Visit www.nationalbusinessawards.co.uk for a full list of all finalists and to book a table at the event.

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The Inflexion International Growth Business of the Year

The QBE FTSE 100 Business of the Year

The UKTI Digital Business of the Year

The New Business of the Year

The Customer Focus Award

The ICAEW Sustainable Business Award

The Social Enterprise of the Year

The Santander Corporate Citizenship Award

The Market Gravity Innovation Award

The Growth Business of the Year

The Employer of the Year

The Santander Small to Medium-Sized Business of the Year

The Ashridge Business School Leader of the Year



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