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**MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **T&T Chamber Announces 2017 Champions of Business Awardees & Finalists**

The Trinidad and Tobago Chamber of Industry and Commerce has named the awardees and finalists for the 2017 edition of Champions of Business. The T&T Chamber's flagship award ceremony and gala cocktail reception will take place on Saturday November 11, 2017 at the National Academy for the Performing Arts (NAPA) in Port of Spain.

Champions of Business is a signature annual event which highlights the sterling contributions of some of Trinidad and Tobago's finest business minds, while fittingly recognizing their outstanding performance and excellence within the business sector.

Established business leaders, emerging entrepreneurs and high-performing companies are nominated by their peers and members of the public, and winners are subsequently decided upon in the respective categories. This year, a category of award for Startups was introduced for the first time. In addition to business performance, Corporate Social Responsibility and philanthropic efforts are also part of the criteria of selection.

This year, First Citizens continues its long-standing partnership with the T&T Chamber as the exclusive category sponsor for the Internationally Known...T&T Owned Company of the Year. EY is once again the exclusive sponsor of Emerging Entrepreneur of the Year, and the Startup award. Other strategic partners for 2017 include bpTT, Bmobile, Sagicor, Atlantic, Agostini Limited, Southern Sales and Service and CL Communications.

Champions of Business will culminate with the induction of two exceptional individuals into the T&T Chamber's Business Hall of Fame.

The following are the 2017 Champions of Business awardees, winners and finalists: -

#### **Business Hall of Fame - Inductees**

- Dr. Rupert Indar, Southern Medical Clinic
- Mr. Lall Paladee (posthumous) – Pennywise Cosmetics Limited

**Internationally Known... T&T Owned Company of the Year Award, sponsored by First Citizens - Winner**

- Bermudez Biscuit Company Limited

**Start-up Award, sponsored by EY – Finalists (Winner to be announced on November 11):**

- Dominique Lewis - Amare Probiotics Limited
- Nigel Jordan and Cheryl Baptiste - Twigs Natural Limited
- Shoma Persad and Tobbye Gill - Tobbye and Shoma
- Stefanie Thavenot and Alix Fitzwilliam - Sweet Beet Juice Company

**Emerging Entrepreneur of the Year, sponsored by EY – Finalists (Winner to be announced on November 11):**

- Jules Sobion - Caesar's Army Limited
- Ryan Perkins - Building Spaces Limited
- Melissa Moseley and Marklan Moseley - Sweet Nothings Edible Arrangements

Members of the business community and interested members of the public are invited to reserve their seats to attend this prestigious event by calling 637-6966 Extension 1252 or 1239 or email: [events@chamber.org.tt](mailto:events@chamber.org.tt)



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