



EY Entrepreneur Of The Year®

2018 Finalist

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EY Announces Werner G. Nistler, Jr. of Touchmark Entrepreneur Of The Year® 2018 Award Finalist in the Pacific Northwest region

PORTLAND, Ore., May 8, 2018 – EY has announced that Werner G. Nistler, Jr. of Touchmark is a finalist for the Entrepreneur Of The Year® 2018 Award in the Pacific Northwest. The awards program recognizes entrepreneurs who are excelling in areas such as innovation, financial performance and personal commitment to their businesses and communities. Nistler was selected as a finalist by a panel of independent judges. Award winners will be announced at a special gala event on June 15 at the Westin Seattle.

“I am honored and grateful to have been selected as an Entrepreneur Of The Year® 2018 Northwest finalist,” says Nistler. “While I have developed a number of businesses over my career, the one company closest to my heart is Touchmark, which is dedicated to excelling in hospitality and services to older adults.”

Nistler has served as Chairman of Touchmark since he founded the company in 1980. For 35 years, he also served as CEO. Touchmark provides Gold Standard hospitality in full-service retirement communities, which it develops, builds and operates in the U.S. and Canada. Currently, Touchmark’s 11 communities are located in nine states and Alberta, Canada. Two additional communities will open this year, including Touchmark in the West Hills opening in Portland next month and Touchmark at The Ranch in Prescott, Arizona, which will open in the fall.

Now in its 32nd year, the Entrepreneur Of The Year program has expanded to recognize business leaders in more than 145 cities and more than 60 countries throughout the world.

Regional award winners are eligible for consideration for the Entrepreneur Of The Year National 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 17, 2018. The awards are the culminating event of the Strategic Growth Forum®, the nation’s most prestigious gathering of high-growth, market-leading companies.

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In the Pacific Northwest, sponsors also include Woodruff Sawyer.

About Touchmark

Founded in 1980, Touchmark is an award-winning company providing Gold Standard hospitality in full-service retirement communities in the U.S. and Canada. The company not only develops and builds its communities but also operates them. Currently, Touchmark's 11 communities are located in nine states and Alberta, Canada, with two additional communities opening this year. More information is available at Touchmark.com.

About the Touchmark Foundation

Nistler formed and operates the Touchmark Foundation (TouchmarkFoundation.org), an all-volunteer, not-for-profit 501(c)3 public charity. Created to enhance the well-being of seniors, the foundation addresses key issues affecting the lives of seniors. Charitable activities include granting nursing scholarships to students and future teachers, providing food boxes to families in need during the holidays and funding cutting-edge research, such as smart home technology.

About Entrepreneur Of The Year®

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