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Winners announced at Australian Growth Company Awards

The winners of the second annual Australian Growth Company Awards were announced at a cocktail event at the Westin Hotel in Sydney last night.

The award partners would like to congratulate:

- **OzForex Pty Ltd** for winning the Growth Company of the Year category
- **Christopher Ride** from **Interactive Pty Limited** for winning the Growth Company CEO of the Year category
- **Five Am Life Pty Ltd** for winning the Growth Company to Watch category, and
- **Rafferty's Garden Pty Ltd** for winning the Exit of the Year category.

The finalists for each category included Appliances Online, Five D Holdings Pty Limited, Open Colleges Australia Pty Ltd, Rhino Rack Australia Pty Ltd, Wise Tech Global Pty Limited, Australian Portable Buildings Pty Ltd, Evolution Road Maintenance Group Pty Ltd, health.com.au, NextGen Distribution Pty Ltd, Smart Business Telecom Pty Ltd, Nintex Group Pty Ltd and Virtus Health Limited.

The judging panel commented that the finalists and winners included a diverse and dynamic group of companies and entrepreneurs—highlighting the breadth and strength of the Australian mid-market.

"The 2013 Awards program really exceeded our expectations, said Nick Humphrey, Head of the Corporate Group at Sparke Helmore. "The high calibre of the nominations received and the amazing support at the ceremony last night has set the bar high for next year's Awards. It's a wonderful way to celebrate the successes of Australia's mid-market business leaders and innovators." Nick spoke in his welcome address about the importance of effective leadership to support growth and innovation in successful companies.

Tim Reed, CEO of MYOB and the keynote speaker at the awards, shared his insights about the various phases of MYOB's growth journey. He encouraged the finalists not to lose their entrepreneurial spirit as they grow, but to recognise that as they grow, innovation will require different processes, skills and approaches.

The awards are co-sponsored by Sparke Helmore Lawyers, Macquarie Capital, Deloitte, Westpac Institutional Bank, MYOB and the Australian Private Equity and Venture Capital Association (AVCAL). Private Equity Media, publisher of Australian Private Equity & Venture Capital Journal, is also supporting the awards as media partner. For further information visit: www.sparke.com.au/sparke/growthawards

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