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JERSEY'S FIRST TECHAWARDS WINNERS ANNOUNCED

Jersey's digital best were honoured at an exciting new awards ceremony last night and Digital Jersey is proud to announce that the 2018 Jersey TechAwards winners are as follows:

Digital Company of the Year - JT

Digital Start-Up of the Year - Pinpoint

Best Use of Technology in Education – Beaulieu Convent School

Technology Project of the Year – States of Jersey, Concerto asset management

Digital Creative Project of the Year - Flux

Technology Student of the Year – Adam Le Tarouilly

Technology Teacher of the Year – Rory Steel

Digital Growth Business of the Year - JT

Digital Leader of the Year - Damon Eastwood, Switch Digital

Digital Team of the Year - Race Nation

The ten winners were chosen by a judging panel comprising representatives from both the private and public sectors, from both on and off the Island. All of whom have a broad interest in, and understanding of, the digital sector.

The event took place in the Chart Room at Castle Quay and the awards were presented by the host for the inaugural event financial writer, technology advocate and acclaimed British comedian, Dominic Frisby.

Tony Moretta, CEO of Digital Jersey, said 'We are thrilled to see Jersey's digital best celebrated in this way. We had so many excellent and vastly diverse entries for these awards, testament to the fantastic work being done around the island to grow our

digital industry. Huge congratulations go to our first ever Jersey TechAwards winners, all of whom really stand out as exceptional contributors to our industry.'

The Jersey TechAwards, organised by Digital Jersey, in association with the Jersey section of BCS (the International section of the Chartered Institute for IT) and sponsored by Prosperity 24/7, was established to showcase key aspects of the digital sector including the Internet of Things, Digital Health and FinTech.

David Cartwright, chairman of BCS Jersey, said "An exciting evening saw ten extremely worthy winners take home awards that acknowledge their excellence and their contribution to the technology industry in Jersey. One must also acknowledge the others on the shortlist: we had dozens of very strong entries but, of course, not everyone can win an award. When we conceived the Tech Awards the intention was to make it an annual event, and I hope next years will be both stronger and more plentiful".

Chris Clark, CEO of Prosperity 24/7, said to be able to sponsor the inaugural awards was an honour. As we all know, technology is pervasive and is the life blood of Industry in Jersey. Seeing this recognised, applauded and celebrated last night amongst 250 peers, creates an indelible mark in the memories of all who attended. The positive energy and ground swell regarding the potential for digital transformation to support productivity and innovation across our economy is an accolade that Digital Jersey should also take pride in, as they act as the focus point for us all to support, enabling the Digital economy to continue to grow and prosper.

Jersey TechAwards marked the culmination of Jersey Tech Week, an event dedicated to the digital sector, featuring keynote convention speakers with topics ranging from AI to blockchain; smart homes and cyber security, and which also saw the launch of the Island's first Internet of Things hub: DJX.

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Notes to Editors:

Digital Jersey is the government-backed economic development agency and industry association dedicated to the growth of the digital sector. We work to upskill the Island's workforce, create new digital jobs, help companies to increase their productivity, and develop strategies to make Jersey a world-leading base for digital innovation.

Jersey TechWeek ran from 13 to 19 October 2018. From AI to blockchain to smart homes and cyber security, the inaugural Jersey TechWeek has something for everyone.

For a full week in October you can get involved in our island's dynamic digital sector. Find out more at: www.digital.je/jerseytechweek

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