

James R. Lee named Young Global Leader by the World Economic Forum

Young Global Leaders are selected annually from business, government, academia, media, non-profit organisations and arts and culture sectors from all regions of the world.

"Within the World Economic Forum community, the Young Global Leaders represent the voice for the future and the hopes of the next generation. I am particularly proud of this year's honourees who make up the most diverse class of YGLs ever," said Klaus Schwab, Founder and Executive Chairman of the World Economic Forum.

James R. Lee was born in Taiwan and has lived and worked in the United States, Europe and Asia. Since 1998 he has been the Managing Partner of Lee & Partners, an international strategic advisory and private investment company. More recently, he has also assumed the position of Chairman of Stoic A/S, a Copenhagen-based branding and advertising agency responsible for the Samsung Electronics Design and Innovation program in Denmark

James R. Lee, 29, was selected from a pool of 5,000 candidates by a committee chaired by H.M. Queen Rania Al Abdullah of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan. "I am humbled by the honour, respectful of the legacy and inspired by both the responsibilities and opportunities in joining the community of the Young Global Leaders," said Lee, who went on to say: "Over the past four decades the World Economic Forum has with unparalleled vision and integrity repeatedly demonstrated that a small group of thoughtful individuals can indeed change the world for the better."

Shortly after becoming the youngest graduate to date of the US Army & Naval Academy (age 13), Lee received an 'Unconditional Offer' to King's College, Department of War Studies. Lee has since been trained in Mandarin, Economics and International Relations at some of the world's most prestigious institutions, including the Beijing Language/ Culture University, Lancaster University, The London School of Economics and Georgetown University. His professional distinctions include having been honoured by Index: as one of the 'Top 30 Creative Leaders in the World.' A Fellow at the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania, he serves on both the Wharton Fellows Global CEO Advisory and the Wharton Future of Advertising boards. James R. Lee is a member of President Clinton's Millennium Network, engaging business leaders in active philanthropy.

According to Bloomberg BusinessWeek, Young Global Leaders is one of the world's most exclusive social networks. Danish Leaders selected in previous years include H.R.H. Crown Prince Frederik; the artist Olafur Eliasson; and Founding Partner of Skibsted Ideation A/S, Jens Martin Skibsted. Other international Young Global Leaders include: Mark Zuckerberg, Founder of Facebook; Jimmy Wales, Founder of Wikipedia, Sergey Brin, Founder of Google; Fareed Zakaria, commentator; Anderson Cooper, journalist; H.R.H King Jigme Khesar Namgyal Wangchuck, King of Bhutan; Leonardo DiCaprio, actor / activist; Peter Thiel, Founder of Clarium Capital and Founders Fund.

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About the Forum of Young Global Leaders

Established in 2004 by Professor Klaus Schwab, The Forum of Young Global Leaders is a unique community of the world's most extraordinary young leaders, under the age of 40, who dedicate their time to jointly address global challenges. Young Global Leaders (YGL) are committed to devoting some of their time, knowledge and energy to work collectively towards a better and more positive future. Young Global Leaders work to discover innovative solutions to today's most pressing problems through various initiatives.

About The World Economic Forum

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