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31st Annual ACG Awards

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2026 Association for Corporate Growth's 31st Annual Awards Gala

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Date: Thursday, May 28, 2026

Schedule: 5:00 pm-6:30 pm	Networking & Cocktail Reception
6:30 pm-8:30 pm	Dinner & Awards Program
8:30 pm	Nightcap celebration at Hotel Bar

Awards Info Video

<https://bit.ly/ACGOCAwardsPromoVid>

Awards Nominations

<https://bit.ly/ACGOC2026AwardsNominations>

Venue: Hyatt Regency
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Anticipated Attendance: 550

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WHO IS THE ASSOCIATION FOR CORPORATE GROWTH?

Founded in 1954, the Association for Corporate Growth (“ACG”) is an international organization dedicated to fostering sound corporate growth. ACG is the premier networking association for and about professionals involved in middle-market corporate growth and corporate development.

ACG enables a networking exchange among members throughout the world. Members share educational programs and information in a dedicated effort to keep abreast of their fields.

OVERVIEW OF THE ANNUAL AWARDS EVENT

Each May, the Orange County chapter of the ACG (“ACG OC”) recognizes and honors a select group of companies who have demonstrated outstanding growth and this year, Nine awards will be given.

Categories for Awards are: Founders; Emerging Growth; Sustained Growth; Reinventing; Global; Spotlight Deal of the Year; Corporate Responsibility; Green/Sustainability; Start Up; and Innovation.

Many nominees for each category will be selected and interviewed by Committee members. Finalists are chosen and then presented to a panel of independent judges for interview and selection of an overall winner. Being a Finalist puts a company in the win category as they may proudly share with employees and customers alike. The Finalists will be invited to attend the Awards Gala where they can share in the prestige and recognition where each category will announce Award winners. It is expected that we will have C-Level executives from all finalist companies in attendance.

OVERVIEW OF PAST AWARDEES

Our 2025 Award Winners Were:

Archer Meat Snacks – The Sustained Growth Award
Semi-Kinetics – The Emerging Growth Award
Daisy – The Startup Award
Brave Thinking Institute – The Reinventing Award
Genomic Testing Cooperative – The Innovation Award
Strategic Kids – The Corporate Responsibility Award
Wahoo's Fish Taco – The Founders Award
L Squared Capital Partners – The Spotlight Award
Wilson Creek Winery & Vineyards – The Green Sustainability Award
KTM North America – The Global Award

Our 2024 Award Winners Were:

Hal Hays Construction – The Sustained Growth Award
PatientFi – The Emerging Growth Award
Solidus – The Startup Award
Precision Painting – The Reinventing Award
BioPhotas – The Innovation Award
Mountain View Services – The Corporate Responsibility Award
FUTEK – The Founders Award
ATI Restoration – The Spotlight Award
Great Scott Tree Services – The Green Sustainability Award
Identiv – The Global Award

Our 2023 Award Winners Were:

Technologent – The Sustained Growth Award
Harvest Landscape Enterprises – The Emerging Growth Award
Global Telecom – The Startup Award
Spec Formliners – The Reinventing Award
Traffix Devices – The Innovation Award
Profit Recovery Partners – The Corporate Responsibility Award
Boudreau Pipeline Corporation – The Founders Award
Zone 4 – The Spotlight Award
IHI Power Services Corp. – The Green Sustainability Award
MP Biomedicals – Global

Our 2022 Award Winners Were:

M S International – The Sustained Growth Award
Westcliff University – The Emerging Growth Award
Artemis DNA – The Startup Award
Xperience Restaurant Group – The Reinventing Award
Alignment Healthcare – The Innovation Award
ViewSonic – The Corporate Responsibility Award
VIZIO – The Founders Award
MeridianLink – The Spotlight Award
ECOS – The Green Sustainability Award

Our 2021 Award Winners Were:

Landmark Health – The Growth Award
Syntiant – The Startup Award
Currie Enterprises – The Reinventing Award
National Technical Systems – The Innovation Award
Pacific Premier Bank – The Corporate Responsibility Award
Pinnacle Petroleum – The Founders Award
Smile Brands – The Spotlight Award
Zymo Research – The Global Award
Noble Aerospace – The Green Sustainability Award

Our 2020 Award Winners Were:

Deluxe Auto Carriers – The Emerging Growth Award
Pledge Medical – The Startup Award
Young Nails – The Reinventing Award
Tyvak Nano-Satellite Systems – The Innovation Award
Edwards Lifesciences – The Corporate Responsibility Award
Pacific Dental Services – The Founders Award
Kofax – The Spotlight Award
Ware Malcomb – The Sustained Growth Award
5.11 Tactical – The Global Award
Regenesis Bioremediation – The Green Sustainability Award

COMMITMENT

Upon acceptance, nominees are subject to the interview and selection process:

- ✓ Nominee confirms acceptance of nomination at <https://bit.ly/ACGOC2026AwardsNomineeConfirmation>
- ✓ Company to confirm the following:
 - They have a minimum of \$10 million in annual revenue. (Startup Award \$1 million)
 - They have been profitable for two of the last three years. (Except Startup)
 - HQ/Senior Management is in Orange County or Inland Empire. International company, US operations headquartered in OC/IE.
 - Company has not won a similar OCBJ or EY award in the last three years.
- ✓ Nominee understands that company C-Level executive(s) must be available for interview with ACG Awards committee members during January or February 2026. (Approximately 1 hour)

If selected as an awards finalist:

- ✓ Attendance by C-Level Executive(s) at the Judging Event, which will take place on **March 25th, 2026 at Awards Sponsor Snell & Wilmer. (Snell & Wilmer, 600 Anton Blvd, Suite 1400, Costa Mesa, CA 92626)** Participation includes an interview with the judges as well as an on-camera video interview to be seen on awards night. Please keep 9:00 am – 5:00 pm available on March 25th. (Approximately 2 hours)
- ✓ Company to provide logo and marketing materials for use in audio/visual presentation and press/trade journals by the due date of April 15, 2026.
- ✓ Company to provide a written overview of the company (not to exceed 500 words) to be included in the Event Program.
- ✓ Attendance by C-Level Executive(s) at the Awards Gala on May 28, 2026 at the Hyatt Regency Irvine. Please keep 5:00 – 9:30 pm available on May 28th.
- ✓ Brief acceptance speech up to two minutes by the C-Level Executive if selected as awards winner

BENEFITS

- ✓ Two (2) complimentary tickets to the event (value: \$750+) *
- ✓ Extensive marketing and media coverage in the press and trade journals including the *Orange County Business Journal*, Social Media and the ACG website.
- ✓ Recognition from both the video screen and podium at the awards gala highlighting your company's achievements to the audience of 500++ community business attendees.

*Opportunity to purchase 6 additional tickets at a discounted cost, to form a complete table of 8.

ASSOCIATION FOR CORPORATE GROWTH ANNUAL AWARDS CATEGORIES

FOUNDERS

- Recognizing an established organization with at least 10 years of continuous operation, whose founder has cultivated a positive corporate culture and remains actively engaged in the business. This company should exhibit steady growth, while maintaining a strong commitment to community engagement and volunteerism that exemplify the organization's core values.

SUSTAINED GROWTH

- A company with annual revenue over \$100m that exhibits distinctive strategic positioning, sustainable growth and profit over the last two to three years.

EMERGING GROWTH

- A company with annual revenue under \$100m that exhibits distinctive strategic positioning, sustainable growth and profit over the last two to three years.

GREEN / SUSTAINABILITY

- An environmentally friendly company that has a unique product, manufacturing process, service or vendor relationship benefitting our environment, or a company that stewards long-term consumer and employee value by creating a "green strategy" aimed toward the natural environment, and by considering every dimension of how their business operates in the social, cultural and economic environment.

SPOTLIGHT

- A company that has experienced a significant M&A deal or deals, capital raise, PE buyout, or any noteworthy capital market activity showing above average financial performance

REINVENTING / TURNAROUND

- A business that has transformed itself in a significant and impactful way - whether through strategy, innovation, branding, operations, or culture. Evolving or pivoting to adapt to new realities, a standout in the industry, and/or overcoming an internal adversity. A business that has reshaped its identity, strategy, or operations to create new value, relevance, and resilience.

GLOBAL

- A company headquartered in Orange County or the Inland Empire with operations worldwide.

INNOVATION

- A company that uses innovation to differentiate itself in the marketplace and drive the success of its business.

CORPORATE RESPONSIBILITY

- A company that has contributed to the community in a significant way.

STARTUP

- A company in existence five years or less with current revenue, that offers a unique or disruptive product or service, and has significant growth prospects.

Nominee Qualifications

1. \$10M+ in Revenue (except for Start Up Category – See Below)
2. Profitable 2 of the last 3 years
3. HQ in Orange County or Inland Empire. International company, US operations headquartered in OC/IE.
4. For Profit Enterprise / Not a Nonprofit Organization
5. Has not won a similar EY or OCBJ award within the past 3 years

Start-up Category Qualifications

1. \$1M+ in Revenue. Profitability requirement not necessary.
2. Less than 5-years in Business
3. HQ in Orange County or Inland Empire
4. For Profit Enterprise / Not a Nonprofit Organization
5. Has not won a similar EY or OCBJ award in the past 3 years

ACG ORANGE COUNTY MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS

ACG conducts a member survey to determine key statistics about our membership and individual members. The survey is distributed to each member on a confidential basis. The following data is from the ACG OC Member Survey.

Collectively, ACG Orange County's membership base consists of members throughout the Southern California business community. Paid membership into the organization is subject to a structured application, review and approval process through the board of directors.

ACG Orange County Membership Statistics

Our members represent the following industries:

- ✓ Banking & Financial Services
- ✓ Management Consultants & Advisors
- ✓ Corporate Executives
- ✓ Investment Banking & Private Equity
- ✓ Legal Professionals

Our members are high-level decision makers:

- ✓ C-Level (CEO, President, COO, CFO, CIO, CMO, CTO)
- ✓ Partner & Managing Director Level
- ✓ VP Level (EVP, SVP, VP)
- ✓ Manager or Director Level

Our members represent a full range of organizations by revenue:

- ✓ \$10 million or less
- ✓ \$10 million to \$100 million
- ✓ \$100 million or more

Our members belong to an average of 3 professional associations and on average, serve on two boards.

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