



2019 Award Winner

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## Saskatoon Businessman Ken Achs wins EY Entrepreneur of the Year Award® 2019 (Canadian Prairies Region)

NEWS RELEASE - Well-known Saskatchewan real estate developer, Ken Achs was the winner of the prestigious EY Entrepreneur of the Year Award® 2019 (Canadian Prairies Region) for Real Estate and Construction. The Award was announced in front of a crowd of over 1,200 of the top business people, bankers, and professionals in Western Canada at a black-tie gala awards ceremony at the Telus Convention Centre in Calgary on October 10, 2019.

Chosen from a carefully selected group of entrepreneurs and professionals across several provinces, known for his down-to-earth, straight shooting style, Achs, was a popular choice for the award bestowed by a panel of esteemed judges from across Canada. With self-deprecating humor, and a speech laced with the authenticity that he is known for, the President and CEO of The Midwest Group of Companies received much applause when he credited his success in part to the fact that as an entrepreneur, he was not afraid to take on every role in the company from CEO to janitor.

The Mid-West Group, started with a small automotive business on Broadway Avenue in Saskatoon over 50 years ago and today is a corporate group operating in Western Canada and the Western United States, headquartered in Saskatoon at its flagship Nexus Building. The company still maintains an automotive division and Achs and his team are now planning to expand the real estate division into the eastern United States. Well known for his construction expertise and high-quality real estate developments, his competitive winning spirit seems intrinsically tied to his background as a world-class drag racer.

Achs has received numerous awards for the quality of his real estate developments and numerous tributes over his career for his contribution as a leader in business. He is also a member of the Canadian Motorsports Hall of Fame and the Canadian Drag race Hall of Fame. Despite all of his success, he is known as someone whose door is always open to those seeking his honest advice for their own businesses. He is credited with helping to start numerous young entrepreneurs on the road to success and has been awarded honors in recognition of that, such as the Raj Manek Mentorship Award for his outstanding work mentoring people entering the world of entrepreneurship.

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