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**Identifying Sustainable Innovations and Technopreneurs of Tomorrow: SMU Unveils Winners of 11th Lee Kuan Yew Global Business Plan Competition, one of Asia's largest university-led start-up challenge**

**Annexe A - List of Grand Finalist Teams**

<b>Category 0 to 1 Grand Finalist Teams</b>		
<b>Start-up</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>University</b>
Customize	The start-up uses proprietary 4D-printing technologies to create custom medical devices, with the aim of making healthcare more accessible, effective, and less-invasive. Their first medical device is a series of novel 4D-printed orthopaedic casts, whose shapes can custom fit to suit patients' changing needs. The founders are featured in the Forbes 30 Under 30 List for 2023.	Singapore Management University, Singapore
InGel Therapeutics	Over 250 million people worldwide are blinded by various forms of retinal degeneration. This start-up wants to address this by developing an innovative cell-based therapy to bring back light to patients (Their beachhead indication is Retinitis Pigmentosa, with a future expansion including Glaucoma and dry age-related macular degeneration (AMD)).	Harvard University, United States
MEDEA Biopharma	This start-up is developing a new generation of sustainable and eco-friendly antibacterial solutions as alternatives to chemical and harmful antibiotics, copper and pesticides, to effectively combat harmful bacteria in humans, animals and plants. The solutions can be tailored for application in various industries including healthcare, cosmetics, food safety and agriculture.	Technical University of Munich, Germany
Peelsphere	This start-up has developed a material made from fruit waste and algae as an alternative to leather and synthetic leather. The material (on a per square metre basis) is made using zero chemicals, 98% less water, require up to 62% less energy, and produces 98% less CO2 emissions.	Wessensee Kunsthochschule Berlin, Germany
Super Nova	This start-up is involved in the industrialisation of novel aqueous ion batteries with a long lifespan and a wide temperature range.	Tsinghua University, China
<b>Category 1 to ∞ Grand Finalist Teams</b>		
Flock.io	This start-up merges AI & blockchain to enable secure, decentralised machine learning model training. The platform offers privacy, interoperability, and innovative on-chain consensus, fostering a robust community of developers and researchers. The team is currently partnering 4 professors and 10 researchers to push the boundaries in distributed learning and blockchain, and to date has achieved an award-winning paper and garnered 100,000 citations.	University of Oxford, United Kingdom
PlasticFri	This start-up is a greentech company with a breakthrough technology that turns agricultural waste into eco-friendly products, such as cups, straws, packaging to replace plastics.	Karlsruhe Institute of

	To date, the company has sold more than 10 million products, saved more than 52,000 litres of water and eliminated 5,000 kg of plastic waste.	Technology, Germany
Voyawave Optics	This start-up is a supplier of multi-dimensional beam editing technology and instrument application solutions, committed to developing high-efficiency, high-precision intelligent laser sources and helping the optical intelligent fabrication chain.	Free University of Berlin, Germany

### Annexe B – List of 11<sup>th</sup> LKYGBPC Prizes and Winners

Sponsor Prizes	Start-up	University	Country of University
<b>Lee Kuan Yew Beta Prize</b> (0 to 1 Category) S\$100,000 in cash and S\$75,000 in-kind prizes - APRW Public Relations Resource Prize - Lee & Lee Legal Service Prize - NSCC Supercomputing Resource Prize	MEDEA Biopharma	Technical University of Munich	Germany
<b>Lee Kuan Yew Infinity Prize</b> (1 to Infinity Category) S\$100,000 in cash and S\$75,000 in-kind prizes - APRW Public Relations Resource Prize - Lee & Lee Legal Service Prize - NSCC Supercomputing Resource Prize	PlasticFri	Karlsruhe Institute of Technology	Germany
<b>Maybank Young Entrepreneurship Shield</b> S\$75,000 cash prizes awarded to the most promising start-up from Singapore	NEU Battery Materials	National University of Singapore	Singapore
<b>SMU Chancellor Cup</b> S\$75,000 in-kind prizes awarded to the most promising start-up from Singapore - APRW Public Relations Resource Prize - Lee & Lee Legal Service Prize - NSCC Supercomputing Resource Prize	NEU Battery Materials	National University of Singapore	Singapore
<b>Kajima Innovation Award</b> S\$100,000 cash prize awarded to the most innovative start-ups that are changing the way people live, work and play.	<u>Grand Prize \$70,000</u> Active Surfaces	Massachusetts Institute of Technology	United States
	<u>Runner Up S\$10,000</u> Biowerkz	ETH Zurich	Switzerland

	<u>Runner Up S\$10,000</u> Emerstat	National University of Singapore	Singapore
	<u>Runner Up S\$10,000</u> Magorium	Singapore Management University	Singapore
<b>Sembcorp Greenovation Award</b> S\$100,000 cash prize awarded to the most innovative start-ups that can drive decarbonisation within the focus area Urban Solutions & Sustainability	<u>1<sup>st</sup> Prize S\$50,000</u> Tianjin Hermos Technology	Oxford Brookes University	United Kingdom
	<u>2<sup>nd</sup> Prize S\$30,000</u> Active Surfaces	Massachusetts Institute of Technology	United States
	<u>3<sup>rd</sup> Prize S\$20,000</u> NEU Battery Materials	National University of Singapore	Singapore
<b>Zhang Fan Global AI Initiative Award</b> S\$100,000 cash prize awarded to the most promising start-ups leveraging on AI in their solutions to address and solve the world's most critical challenges	Adravision	National University of Singapore	Singapore
	Ailytics	Nanyang Technological University	Singapore
	InteractAI	National University of Singapore	Singapore
	NeuroWeave	Grenoble Institute of Technology	China
<b>YIT Haina Innovation Prize</b> (S\$100,000 in cash and \$100,000 in-kind prizes will be awarded to outstanding technology projects in the manufacturing, AI, or robotics sectors, which demonstrate a sustainability mindset)	FLock.io	University of Oxford	United Kingdom
	Huaxia Semiconductors	City University of Hong Kong	Hong Kong SAR
<b>Maybank ASEAN Startup Award</b> (S\$25,000 cash prize awarded to the top 15 ASEAN start-ups who have earned their spots among the RVLT50 finalist position.	<u>1<sup>st</sup> Prize S\$7,000</u> MassPrint Technology group	Nanyang Technological University	Singapore
	<u>2<sup>nd</sup> Prize S\$4,000</u> Emerstat	National University of Singapore	Singapore
	<u>3<sup>rd</sup> Prize S\$2,000</u> YaBEZ	Panyapiwat Institute of Management	Thailand
	<b>All Others S\$1,000</b>		

	Adravision	National University of Singapore	Singapore
	Customize	Singapore Management University	Singapore
	CBE Eco-Solutions	National University of Singapore	Singapore
	Finful	VinUniversity	Vietnam
	FISHYU	Chulalongkorn University	Thailand
	Karla Bionics	Institute for Innovation and Entrepreneurship Development (Institut Teknologi Bandung)	Indonesia
	Magorium	Singapore Management University	Singapore
	Mitoworld	IPE Management School	Malaysia
	Pic-A-Talk	Mindanao State University - Iligan Institute of Technology	Philippines
	Savyn	Singapore Management University	Singapore
	Team Algrow	University College London	United Kingdom
<b>Startup SG Grant</b> (S\$50,000 grant prize awarded to each of the most promising start-ups from the Beta and Infinity tracks respectively)	<u>Beta Category</u> MEDEA Biopharma	Technical University of Munich	Germany
	<u>Infinity Category</u> PlasticFri	Karlsruhe Institute of Technology	Germany
<b>Wavemaker Sustainability Investment Prize</b> (Investment term sheet worth S\$50,000 awarded to the most promising enterprise start-up)	MEDEA Biopharma	Technical University of Munich	Germany

<b>NSCC Supercomputing Resource Prize</b> (Three-month Basic Package subscription of supercomputing resources worth a total of S\$19,200)	Accelerated Materials	University of Cambridge	United Kingdom
	Adravision	National University of Singapore	Singapore
	Chat4Good Technologies	Singapore University of Technology and Design	Singapore
	FingerDance	National University of Singapore	Singapore
	InteractAI	National University of Singapore	Singapore
	The Frequency Finders	National University of Singapore	Singapore
<b>INTA Foundation Social Innovation Prize</b> (US\$24,000 awarded to up to 2 start-ups whose founders, despite facing numerous challenges, demonstrate the potential to make a positive societal impact through their remarkable brand and intellectual property endeavours.	Karla Bionics	Institute for Innovation and Entrepreneurship Development (Institut Teknologi Bandung)	Indonesia
	Zhi Yin	Huazhong University of Science and Technology	China
<b>Special Prizes</b>			
<b>Best Professor-Student Team Prize</b> (S\$20,000 in cash awarded to one finalist team comprising a faculty member with an exciting and revolutionary urban solution)	MirZyme Therapeutics	Aston Medical School	United Kingdom
<b>People's Choice Award – Beta Category</b> (S\$10,000 in cash awarded to one finalist team from the Beta Category with the highest number of public votes)	MEDEA Biopharma	Technical University of Munich	Germany
<b>People's Choice Award – Infinity Category</b> (S\$10,000 in cash awarded to one finalist team from the Infinity Category with the highest number of public votes)	PlasticFri	Karlsruhe Institute of Technology	Germany

**Annexe C - List of Judges**

Grand Finals

No	Name	Designation	Company
1	Shirley Wong	Chairperson	11th LKYGBPC Steering Committee
2	Paul Santos	Managing Partner	Wavemaker Partners
3	Harvey Toor	Chief Investment Officer	Singapore Management University
4	Ng Huck Hui	Assistant CEO	A*STAR
5	Soh Leng Wan	Assistant CEO, Innovation and Enterprise Services Group	Enterprise Singapore
6	Charles Koh	Chief Digital Officer	Sembcorp Industries

Category Finals

1	Chandran Nair	Chief Executive Officer	AEM Holdings
2	Peter Chia	CEO & Board Member	Temasek Life Sciences Laboratory Ltd
3	Chong Chiet Ping	Managing Partner	Greenmeadows Accelerator
4	Oi-Yee Choo	CEO	ADDX
5	Choun Chee Kong	Head, Japan Investments	Pavilion Capital
6	Cyril Ebersweiler	General Partner & Managing Director	SOSV & HAX
7	Phil Inagaki	Managing Director	Xora Innovations
8	Bernard Leong	Founder and CEO	Analyse Asia
9	Cheong Wei Yang	Vice Provost (Strategic Research Partnerships)	Singapore Management University
10	Chong Yoke Sin	Managing Partner	iGlobe Partners
11	Chow Weien	Chief Data & Digital Officer	Changi General Hospital

12	Weidong Hao	Chief Scientific Officer	Experimental Drug Development Centre
13	Rajan Kalidindi	Executive GM	GE HealthCare Services
14	Josephine Kwa	Director	Barghest Building Performance Pte Ltd
15	Wang Weixiang	Director	Temasek International
16	Cindy Lim	CEO	Keppel Infrastructure Holdings Pte Ltd
17	Colin Lim	Group Director and Chief Information Officer	Ministry of Health, Singapore
18	Genping Liu	Partner	Vertex Ventures
19	Basil Lui	Founding Partner	August Global Partners
20	Darian McBain	CEO	Outsourced Chief Sustainability Officer Asia
21	Pang Chee Meng	Chief Engineering & Technology Officer	PUB, The National Water Agency
22	Ng Huck Hui	Assistant Chief Executive Research and Talent Development	A*STAR
23	James Tan Cheng Hui	Medical Director	Quantum Orthopaedics
24	Vinamra Srivastava	Chief Sustainability Officer	CapitaLand Investment
25	Benjamin Swan	Founder & CEO	BECO Ventures
26	Cher Heng Tan	Executive Director	Centre for Healthcare Innovation, Singapore
27	Chris Tan	Director	SomaLogic
28	Teo Swee Ann	Founder & CEO	Espressif Systems
29	Er Dr Johnny Wong Liang Heng	Deputy Chief Executive Officer	Housing & Development Board
30	Fong Saik Hay	Corporate Advisor Temasek Deep Tech Fund	Xora Innovation
31	Heng Teck Thai	Deputy Chief Executive Officer, BuildSG Office	Building and Construction Authority
32	Yvonne Voon	Partner	Fifth Wall

33	Quentin Vaquette	Founding Partner	Wavemaker Impact
34	Rowena Yeo	Chief Technology Officer & Global Vice President	Johnson & Johnson
35	Hong Howe Yong	Head, Group Centre of Excellence	Sembcorp Industries
36	Ngiam Shih Chun	CEO	Energy Market Authority
37	Corrado Forcellati	Director	Paia Consulting
38	Marc Leong	Head of SME Banking	Maybank Singapore
39	Shingo Hori	Managing Director	Kajima Ventures
40	Sze Tiam Lin	Senior Licensing Advisor	Singapore Management University
41	Ignatius Rasiah	Professor	National University of Singapore
42	Xander Sim	Co-founder and Chief Technology Officer	Cell ID
43	John Teo	Medtech Industry Advisor	IPI Singapore
44	Audrey Goh	Partner	Viering, Jentschura & Partner LLP
45	Ho Cheng Huat	Senior Director	A*STAR
46	Alfred Yip	Director	IP Office of Singapore (IPOS) International

### **Annexe D - 11th edition LKYGBPC List of Supporters and Partners**

#### **Founding Supporter**

##### **About Wilmar International Ltd**

Wilmar International Limited, founded in 1991 and headquartered in Singapore, is today Asia's leading agribusiness group. Wilmar is ranked amongst the largest listed companies by market capitalisation on the Singapore Exchange.

At the core of Wilmar's strategy is an [integrated agribusiness model](#) that encompasses the entire value chain of the agricultural commodity business, from [cultivation and milling of palm oil](#) and [sugarcane](#), to processing, branding and distribution of a wide range of [edible food products in consumer, medium and bulk packaging](#), [animal feeds and industrial agri-products](#) such as oleochemicals and biodiesel. It has



over 500 manufacturing plants and an extensive distribution network covering China, India, Indonesia and some 50 other countries and regions. Through scale, integration and the logistical advantages of its business model, Wilmar is able to extract margins at every step of the value chain, thereby reaping operational synergies and cost efficiencies.

Supported by a multinational workforce of about 100,000 people, Wilmar embraces [sustainability](#) in its global operations, supply chain and communities.

### **Platinum Supporters**

#### **About Kajima Development Pte Ltd**

Kajima Development Pte Ltd is a Singapore-based real estate developer with business interest across the SEA region. It is a wholly owned subsidiary of Kajima Corporation (鹿島建設株式会社, Kajima Kensetsu Kabushiki-gaisha) – one of the oldest and largest construction companies in Japan. Founded in 1840, Kajima's services include design, engineering, construction, and real estate development. Kajima's regional headquarters, The GEAR, is equipped with 5 laboratories and is a living lab for experimentation, exploration, and co-creation. At The GEAR, Kajima will adopt open innovation, conduct R&D on advanced built environment technologies, and testbed solutions for productivity improvement, sustainability, and occupant wellness. [www.kajima.com.sg/www.thegear.sg](http://www.kajima.com.sg/www.thegear.sg)

#### **About KSF Beverage Holding Singapore Pte. Ltd. (康師傅飲品控股新加坡有限公司)**

KSF Beverage Holding Singapore acts as an International Headquarters (excluding China/Hong Kong) in Singapore to expand its reach globally. KSF focuses on the distribution of Master Kong's products, such as instant noodles, beverages, cakes and relevant supporting industries, in the Southeast Asia and International markets. It aims to also increase its raw materials resources, and build new cooperation opportunities with international production markets to remain competitive and deepen its ties in the market.

#### **About Sembcorp Industries**

Sembcorp is a leading energy and urban solutions provider, driven by its purpose to do good and play its part in building a sustainable future. Sembcorp has a balanced energy portfolio of 19.4GW, with 11.9GW of gross renewable energy capacity comprising solar, wind and energy storage globally. The company also has a proven track record of transforming raw land into sustainable urban developments, with a project portfolio spanning over 13,000 hectares across Asia.

#### **About Yangtze Delta Region Institute of Tsinghua University, Zhejiang**

The Yangtze Delta Region Institute of Tsinghua University, Zhejiang (YIT), is an innovative platform that leverages global technology and worldwide innovators to drive technology innovation, provide technology services, foster expert cultivation, and promote high-tech industrialization. YIT aims to establish a platform for visionary projects around the world and facilitate their connection with capital, market, and industry. YIT has 10 global incubators located in United States, United Kingdom, Germany, Australia, Japan, Singapore. The YIT Haina Innovation Program could provide support to start-up projects in terms of technological collaboration, technical training, global expansion, procurement services, talent acquisition, supply chain expansion, financing and investment, and venue support, etc. YIT has helped over 2000 start-up projects to connect with the top global universities, scientific research institutions, professional associations, financial institutions, etc.

<https://www.tsinghua-zj.edu.cn/en/home>

#### **About Zhang Fan**

Zhang Fan, Chairman of Ertz Capital, is a renowned venture capitalist. In the past three decades, he has built, incubated, and invested in hundreds of startups in Internet, semiconductor, digital media, robotics, blockchain, sustainability, AI, and life science sectors. Zhang Fan is also a successful

entrepreneur. He co-founded Sequoia Capital China and served as one of the firm's managing partners. Forbes Magazine selected him as one of the top winners of the "Midas List" – Top Venture Capitalists in China" for four times. He has a deep understanding of the challenges and opportunities that arise in the fast-paced world of technology and is highly regarded for his strategic insights and business acumen.

### **Gold Supporters**

#### **About Maybank Singapore**

Maybank is among Asia's leading banking groups and South East Asia's fourth largest bank by assets. Maybank Group has an international network of over 2,600 branches in 18 countries including all 10 ASEAN countries, with more than 42,000 employees serving customers worldwide.

Maybank Singapore is one of the Group's largest overseas operations and a Qualifying Full Bank in Singapore. As at 31 December 2022, Maybank's total assets in Singapore were approximately S\$71.5 billion. With strategically located banking branches and over 2,000 employees in Singapore, Maybank is well-positioned to provide highly personalised services and locally-oriented solutions that will deliver more value to customers. For more information, please visit [www.maybank2u.com.sg](http://www.maybank2u.com.sg).

#### **About Infocomm Media Development Authority (IMDA)**

The Infocomm Media Development Authority (IMDA) leads Singapore's digital transformation by developing a vibrant digital economy and an inclusive digital society. As Architects of Singapore's Digital Future, we foster growth in Infocomm Technology and Media sectors in concert with progressive regulations, harnessing frontier technologies, and developing local talent and digital infrastructure ecosystems to establish Singapore as a digital metropolis.

<b>Other Supporters and Partners</b>	<b>Category</b>
<p><b>Sino Group (confirmed)</b> Established in 1971, Sino Group comprises three listed companies – Sino Land Company Limited (HKSE: 0083), Tsim Sha Tsui Properties Limited (HKSE: 0247), Sino Hotels (Holdings) Limited (HKSE: 1221) – and private companies held by the Ng Family.</p> <p>As one of Hong Kong's leading property developers with core businesses in property development and investment, Sino Group has grown with the communities it serves. The Group's business interests comprise a diversified portfolio of residential, office, industrial, retail and hospitality properties across Hong Kong, mainland China, Singapore and Australia, and has developed over 250 projects, spanning more than 130 million square feet. Its core business assets are complemented by property management services, hotel investment and management, including The Fullerton Hotels &amp; Resorts and other affiliate brands.</p> <p>With over 11,000 committed staff members, the Group strives to fulfil its vision of Creating Better Lifescapes with a focus on three interconnected pillars – Green Living, Community Spirit and Innovative Design – shaping the cities we call home where people live, work and play. Sustainability is integral to what we do as we seek to create value for stakeholders and make business a driver of sustainability for a better future.</p> <p><a href="http://www.sino.com">www.sino.com</a></p>	Silver

<p><b>OUE</b>  OUE Limited (SGX:LJ3) is a leading pan-Asian, full service real estate development, investment and management company with assets across the commercial, hospitality, retail, residential and healthcare sectors. Best known for its landmark property portfolio in Singapore, OUE consistently leverages its expertise in property development and asset management to maximise yields and unlock value. Anchored by its “Transformational Thinking” philosophy, OUE has built a reputation for developing iconic projects, transforming communities, providing exceptional service to customers and delivering long-term value to stakeholders. For more information, please visit <a href="http://www.oue.com.sg">www.oue.com.sg</a>.</p>	Bronze
<p><b>Sage Partners</b>  Sage Partners is the subsidiary of Sage Family Trust, established by Dr Doreen Tan, co-founder of Best World International Ltd. Sage Partners supports Dr Doreen and her family through investments, ventures and philanthropy. Dr Doreen Tan is a strong believer in giving back to society. As a self-made entrepreneur, she regularly contributes her time to seminar training and counselling services. She also donates generously to various causes in society including helping startups flourish.</p>	Bronze
<p><b>Amazon Global Selling</b>  Amazon Global Selling is Amazon’s business unit that helps businesses from anywhere in the world launch a global business, reach Amazon customers, and build international brands. For more information, please visit <a href="http://sell.amazon.com.sg/north-america/us">sell.amazon.com.sg/north-america/us</a>.</p>	Strategic Partner
<p><b>APRW Pte Ltd</b>  APRW is one of Singapore’s earliest and largest independent integrated communications agencies. Since 1996, the firm has built a strong portfolio of clients across diverse areas like government, public affairs, consumer goods, education, hospitality, travel, startups, charities and non-profit, among others. APRW is led by a team of owners-directors who combine keen business acumen with a wealth of experience to design and deliver bespoke communications solutions.</p>	Strategic Partner
<p><b>Enterprise Singapore</b>  Established in 2017 by Enterprise Singapore, <b>Startup SG</b> was created to showcase Singapore’s vibrant startup ecosystem both locally and overseas. It represents the shared interests of the startup community and unifies efforts to support the ecosystem under its various initiatives and programmes. With Startup SG, startups and ecosystem partners can more easily discover and access available avenues of support. Find out more about the programmes <a href="#">here</a>.  <b>Enterprise Singapore</b> is the government agency championing enterprise development. We also support building the startup and innovation ecosystem in Singapore.</p> <p>The StartupSG grant prize of S\$50,000 will be each awarded to the most promising start-ups from the Beta and Infinity tracks respectively. Only finalists based in Singapore (or willing to expand into Singapore) are eligible for the StartupSG grant prizes, sponsored by Enterprise Singapore.</p>	Strategic Partner

<p><b>INTA Foundation</b></p> <p>The <a href="#">INTA Foundation</a> is a charitable organization working to expand educational and professional development opportunities in intellectual property (IP) for diverse, under-represented populations around the world. Our mission is to provide access to education and outreach activities in the areas of diversity, equity, and inclusion, and to support individuals and organizations around the world whose work impact these important issues.</p>	Strategic Partner
<p><b>Lee &amp; Lee Advocates &amp; Solicitors</b></p> <p>Lee &amp; Lee, one of Singapore's most established and leading law firms, provides a comprehensive range of legal services to serve the differing needs of individuals and companies. Its areas of practice include banking, corporate, competition, intellectual property, litigation and dispute resolution, and real estate.</p>	Strategic Partner
<p><b>National Supercomputing Centre (NSCC) Singapore</b></p> <p>The National Supercomputing Centre (NSCC) Singapore was established in 2015 to manage Singapore's national petascale facilities and high-performance computing (HPC) resources. As a National Research Infrastructure funded by the National Research Foundation (NRF), the HPC resources that we provide helps support the research needs of the public and private sectors, including research institutes, institutes of higher learning, government agencies and companies. For more information, please visit <a href="https://www.nscg.sg/">https://www.nscg.sg/</a>.</p>	Strategic Partner
<p><b>PUB, Singapore's National Water Agency</b></p> <p>PUB is a statutory board under the Ministry of Sustainability and the Environment (MSE). It is the national water agency, which manages Singapore's water supply, water catchment, and used water in an integrated way. From April 2020, PUB also took on the responsibility of protecting Singapore's coastline from sea-level rise as the national coastal protection agency.</p> <p>PUB has ensured a diversified and sustainable supply of water for Singapore with the Four National Taps (local catchment water, imported water, NEWater, desalinated water). PUB leads and coordinates whole-of-government efforts to protect Singapore from the threat of rising seas and the holistic management of inland and coastal flood risks.</p> <p>PUB calls on everyone to play a part in conserving water, in keeping our waterways clean, and in caring for Singapore's precious water resources. If we all do our little bit, there will be enough water for all our needs – for commerce and industry, for living, for life.</p>	Strategic Partner
<p><b>Protégé Ventures</b></p> <p>As Southeast Asia's first student-run venture fund programme, Protégé Ventures ("PV") trains students to be tech-savvy entrepreneurial leaders by equipping them with the necessary skills and mindset to navigate an increasingly volatile and complex global environment through venture capital training, and empowers them to actively shape the future that they envision through actual capital investments.</p>	Strategic Partner
<p><b>Valuer.ai</b></p>	Strategic Partner

<p>Valuer's AI will assist in objectively evaluating the startups' potential, market fit, and viability. This data-driven approach will streamline and amplify the judging process and ensure a more equitable, multidimensional and insightful assessment of each participating business plan.</p> <p>Valuer is contributing on two levels for this edition of LKYGBPC. Firstly, the AI has assessed 650 applications and assigned each application an objective score. Secondly, during the LKYGBPC event, the AI will generate a comparative analysis of the eight finalists to assist the judging process in the finale.</p>	
<p><b>Wavemaker Partners</b> Wavemaker Partners is Southeast Asia's leading VC firm investing in early-stage enterprise, deep tech, and sustainability startups. Since 2012, the firm has invested in more than 190 companies across the region, with total capital commitments exceeding US\$300 million and exits generating over US\$1.8 billion in enterprise value. These exits include TradeGecko's acquisition by Intuit, and Moka's and <a href="https://coins.ph">Coins.ph</a>'s acquisitions by Gojek. Today, 85% of Wavemaker's active portfolio startups in Southeast Asia are aligned with at least one UNDP Sustainable Development Goal. For more information about Wavemaker Partners, visit <a href="https://wavemaker.vc/">https://wavemaker.vc/</a> or email <a href="mailto:orbit@wavemaker.vc">orbit@wavemaker.vc</a>.</p>	Strategic Partner

### **Annexe E - Quotes from Supporters and Partners of the 11th edition LKYGBPC**

<p><b>Quote from Wilmar International Ltd</b></p> <p>As the leading agribusiness group in Asia, we believe in nurturing the next generation of global entrepreneurs and cultivating young leaders. We are proud to be a founding sponsor of the Lee Kuan Yew Global Business Plan Competition, to provide aspiring entrepreneurs (is this the correct term for the participants?) with a platform to showcase their groundbreaking ideas and help them channel their vision into reality. Imagination is key, and we look forward to an exciting competition marked by thought-provoking challenges and innovative solutions.</p>
<p><b>Quote from Kajima Development Pte Ltd</b></p> <p>Our partnership with the LKYGBPC has been a rewarding experience, especially within the domain of urban solutions and sustainability, which are integral to Kajima's mission," he said. "As judges and sponsors, we've had the privilege of engaging with some very promising start-ups in these fields. This competition serves as a valuable platform for discovering ideas that can change the way we approach urban development and environmental sustainability. Our involvement has not only enriched our perspective but also opened doors to potential collaborations with these start-ups, with the shared goal of creating more sustainable and resilient cities for the future.</p>
<p><b>Quote from Sembcorp Industries</b></p> <p>As a leading Asian renewable energy player, Sembcorp plays a key role in the shift towards a clean energy future. We recognise that innovations and partnerships are important enablers to accelerate the global energy transition. We look forward to working with the winning teams to deliver innovative solutions for a sustainable environment.</p>

**Quote from Yangtze Delta Region Institute of Tsinghua University, Zhejiang**

Through our partnership with LKYGBPC, we aim to bridge borders and cultivate global entrepreneurial talent. It was an inspiring journey to witness startups from around the world come together at LKYGBPC. As we reflect on the event, we are excited about the long-term impact these startups will have, fostering cross-border partnerships and driving progress beyond the competition.

**Quote from Zhang Fan**

Entrepreneurship is undoubtedly a challenging journey, but it's the very struggles faced that shape and refine individuals into exceptional founders. Through the Zhang Fan Global AI Initiative, my aspiration is to highlight and honor the remarkable efforts of young visionary founders, particularly those making significant advancements in the AI realm – I'm glad I met so many of them here at LKYGBPC.

**Quote from Maybank**

Our continued partnership with LKYGBPC and SMU demonstrates our commitment to advocate strong entrepreneurship amongst our youths. We are very inspired by the enthusiasm and innovative ideas from the students who have great entrepreneurial potential and spirit. As a Bank with a robust network in ASEAN and a leading bank for SMEs, we want to help fulfil their innovative business ideas and propel their ambitions forward to thrive and succeed.

**Quote from IMDA**

The Infocomm Media Development Authority (IMDA) leads Singapore's digital transformation by developing a vibrant digital economy and an inclusive digital society. As Architects of Singapore's Digital Future, we foster growth in Infocomm Technology and Media sectors in concert with progressive regulations, harnessing frontier technologies, and developing local talent and digital infrastructure ecosystems to establish Singapore as a digital metropolis.

**Quote from Sino Group**

As one of Hong Kong's leading property developers with core businesses in property development and investment Sino Group is proud to announce our partnership with LKYGBPC. Together, we aim to empower visionary entrepreneurs, foster innovation, and shape a brighter future for global business. This collaboration reflects our commitment to nurturing talents and driving economic growth on a global scale.

**Quote from Sage Partners**

SAGE Partners is excited to announce our strategic partnership with the prestigious LKYGBPC. This alliance underscores our dedication to cultivating entrepreneurship, innovation, and global leadership. Together, we aim to inspire the next generation of visionary business leaders, fuelling progress and excellence in the world of entrepreneurship.

**Quote from Enterprise Singapore**

LKYGBPC provides the startups a platform to showcase their technologies to corporates and investors and to build mindshare about deep tech in the ecosystem. We envision that the impact of this competition will include startups gaining market traction, facilitating conversations about scalable deep technologies, and bringing the startup community together to celebrate our vibrant ecosystem.

**Quote from Lee & Lee Advocates & Solicitors**

We are delighted to have nurtured a longstanding partnership with LKYGBPC and SMU. Our collaboration has been instrumental in fostering innovation, providing essential legal guidance, and empowering startups to navigate the dynamic business landscape. We are excited to continue this partnership, as it represents a beacon of optimism for the future, where startups and entrepreneurs will find the support they need to thrive and create lasting impact.

**Quote from INTA Foundation**

As the INTA Foundation, we were proud to support LKYGBPC, an event that celebrated resilience and creativity in the entrepreneurial journey. The competition empowered startups to overcome challenges and realize their visions, aligning perfectly with our mission to foster innovation and intellectual property protection. We look forward to witnessing their transformative impact on the global business landscape.

**Quote from National Supercomputing Centre (NSCC) Singapore**

NSCC stands at the forefront of revolutionizing industries with high-performance computing (HPC). Through our partnership with LKYGBPC, we aim to empower startups to utilize HPC to push the boundaries of research and discovery thus enabling them to accelerate innovation, enhance their product offerings and bolster their competitive edge.

**Quote from Valuer.ai**

We are honoured to collaborate with SMU on this groundbreaking initiative. Our AI-driven approach aligns perfectly with the spirit of the Lee Kuan Yew Global Business Plan Competition, which seeks to empower visionary entrepreneurs. By amplifying the selection and evaluation process, we are not only benefiting the participants but also contributing to the advancement of the startup ecosystem as a whole.

**Quote from Wavemaker Partners**

Since our sponsorship of the LKYGBPC began, I've had the opportunity to witness the remarkable talent and innovation that this competition attracts. Our involvement has allowed us to meet promising startups in the B2B, deep tech, and sustainability sectors – the very areas we focus on. The participants' passion and dedication serve as a true inspiration, reinforcing our strong belief in programmes like the LKYGBPC and their potential to nurture the growth of Southeast Asia's startup ecosystem.