**Europe’s top digital executives shortlisted for the 2015 Digital Masters Awards**

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The [Digital Masters Awards](http://www.digitalmastersawards.com/) recognise Europe’s top leadership talent across the digital disciplines. This year’s shortlists, announced today, illustrate the strength of Europe’s digital ecosystem, with world-class executives leading European companies to global success.

Commenting on the shortlists, Robert Swerling, co-CEO of The Up Group, which organises the awards, said: “European tech is finally coming of age, and the 2015 shortlisted candidates illustrate why. For the first time, Europe is able to go toe-to-toe with the US in terms of leadership talent. We’re proud to support an initiative that recognises these outstanding individuals, and we can’t wait to celebrate their success at the ceremony in June.”

The winners of the 12 categories have been determined by a distinguished [judging panel](http://www.digitalmastersawards.com/judges/), including leading investors Robin Klein, Sonali De Rycker, Daniel Waterhouse and Henrik Persson. They will be announced at a glittering ceremony in Central London on Thursday 4th June, in front of 800 of Europe’s most high-profile digital executives, entrepreneurs, board members and investors.

Awards partners include [Google](http://google.com), [Criteo](http://criteo.com/), [Silicon Valley Bank](http://www.svb.com/uk/), [Mazars](http://www.mazars.com/), [eBay Enterprise](http://www.ebayenterprise.com/), [Colt Managed Cloud](http://cloud.colt.net/), [Mosaic Ventures](http://www.mosaicventures.com/) and [Eventbrite](http://www.eventbrite.com), with support from [Tech City UK](http://www.techcityuk.com/), [Tech London Advocates](http://techlondonadvocates.org.uk/) and the [Guardian Media Network](http://www.theguardian.com/media-network).

The shortlisted candidates are:

**CEO of the Year**

Frederic Mazzella - BlaBlaCar

Darren Huston - Booking.com

Giles Palmer - Brandwatch

Florian Meissner - EyeEm

Nigel Eccles - FanDuel

Jose Neves - Farfetch

Dinesh Nayar - Fyndiq

Jacob De Geer - iZettle

Sebastian Siemiatkowski - Klarna

Kevin Cornils - MyOptique Group (Glasses Direct)

Stan Laurent - Photobox

Clare Gilmartin - thetrainline.com

Taavet Hinrikus and Kristo Käärmann - TransferWise

Ismail Ahmed - WorldRemit

Alex Chesterman - Zoopla Property Group

**Excellence in General Management**

Olivier Grémillon - Airbnb

Nicolas Brusson - BlaBlaCar

Omid Ashtari - Citymapper

Nicole Vanderbilt - Etsy

Andrew Robb - Farfetch

Pam Burton - Funding Circle

Adrian Blair - JUST EAT

Philippe Chainieux - MADE.com

Jason Weston - notonthehighstreet.com

Giulio Montemagno - RetailMeNot

**Excellence in Finance**

Stephen Caunce - ao.com

Jonathon Albright - Borro

Jeff Gooch - Markit

Keith Lovell - Shazam

Joaquim Lecha - Social Point

Peter Sterky - Spotify

Sebastian Ahlskog – Starbreeze Studios

Belinda Wrigley - WorldRemit

Jan Kemper - Zalando

Stephen Morana – Zoopla Property Group

**Excellence in Marketing**

Lesley Eccles - FanDuel

Laurence Bret Stern - LinkedIn

Iqbal Gandham - Nutmeg

Cian Weeresinghe - Secret Escapes

Nikki Lambert - Spotify

Joe Cross - TransferWise

Burkhard Henn - Verivox

Ottokar Rosenberger - Web Reservations International

Maia Guarnaccia - YOOX

Charlotte Harper - (formerly) Zoopla Property Group

**Excellence in Technology**

Chad Fowler - 6Wunderkinder

Jonathan De La Rosa - Bet Victor

Aleksander Øhrn - Cxense

Thierry Bedos - Hotels.com (Expedia)

Robin Spira - FanDuel

Daniel Bernholc - iZettle

Pär Isaksson - Klarna

Siavash Ghorbani - Tictail

Simon Lambert - Wahanda

Alex Alexander - Walmart

**Excellence in Product**

Benedikt Lehnert - 6Wunderkinder

Frederic Mazzella - BlaBlaCar

Jonathan Wolf - Criteo

Martin Sieber - GetYourGuide

Anthony Sullivan - Guardian News & Media

Lee Clancy - Naspers

Alick Varma - Osper

Cait O'Riordan - Shazam

Troy Suda - Ticketmaster (Live Nation Entertainment)

Lydia Goldberg - (formerly) Zoopla Property Group

**Excellence in Commercial Management**

Roelant Prins - Adyen

John Pomeroy - Alfresco

Sue Thexton - Brightcove

Will Hayward – (formerly) Buzzfeed

Jesper Frederiksen - DocuSign

Bjorn Lindberg - iZettle

Mikael Wintzell - Klarna

Abbas Tahzib - Sentiance

Etai Rosen - SimilarWeb

Anne De Kerckhove - Videology

**Excellence in Business Intelligence & Data**

David Vismans - Booking.com

Adrian O'Beagain - Google

Henry Crawford - Groupon

Jean-Christophe Peube - HomeAway

Adam Wright - JUST EAT

Vince Darley - King

Mark Curling - onefinestay

Martin Goodson - Skimlinks

Henrik Landgren - Spotify

Jacopo Thun Hohenstein - YOOX

**Excellence in Digital Transformation**

Hervé Thoumyre - Carrefour Group

Tanya Cordrey - Guardian News & Media

Bertrand Bodson - Home Retail Group

Paul Coby - John Lewis

Rikard Steiber - Modern Times Group

Juan Lopez-Valcarcel - (formerly) Pearson

Gareth Jones - Shop Direct

David Cook - Time Out

Mike Bracken - Government Digital Service, UK Government

Adam Stewart - Vodafone

**Excellence in Multichannel Retail**

Nikolas Stegelmann - Adidas

Robin Phillips - Boots

Daniel Heaf - Burberry

Bertrand Bodson - Home Retail Group

Andy Harding - House of Fraser

Mark Lewis - John Lewis

Olga Nazarkova - (formerly) Mothercare

Jack Smith - New Look

Lars Finger - Otto Group

Jon Owen - Shop Direct

**Excellence in People & Talent**

Lisa Hillier - Betfair

Valerie Mann - HomeAway

Ann-Marie Cooper - Huddle

Ciara Smyth - King

Carol Teskey - MongoDB

Aileen O’Toole - Naspers Group

Thaisa Money - RetailMeNot

Caoimhe Keogan - SoundCloud

Lucy Yu - (formerly) SwiftKey

Lorraine Metcalf – Zoopla Property Group

**The Google Award for Women in Digital**

Sue Thexton - Brightcove

Nicole Vanderbilt - Etsy

Lesley Eccles - FanDuel

Pam Burton - Funding Circle

Tanya Cordrey - Guardian News & Media

Alexandra Depledge - Hassle.com

Robyn Exton - HER

Debbie Wosskow - Love Home Swap

Chloe Macintosh - MADE.com

Brynne Herbert - MOVE Guides

Julia Bösch and Anna Alex - OUTFITTERY

Cait O'Riordan - Shazam

Caoimhe Keogan - SoundCloud

Kathleen Mitchell - Stella & Dot

Brigitte Ricou-Bellan - StubHub (eBay)

Clare Gilmartin - thetrainline.com

Jo Bertram - Uber

Sarah Wood - Unruly

Anne De Kerckhove - Videology

Louise Fritjofsson - Vint

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The Up Group is Europe’s leading digital executive search and networking firm. It delivers outstanding digital talent and strategic insight to the world’s most innovative companies. Based in London, The Up Group serves clients and candidates from across the world.

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