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Ernst Makes HousingWire's List of Most Innovative Firms

Company again ranked among the mortgage industry's top-rated technology firms

ALBANY, NY—March 6, 2017—Ernst Publishing Company, the leading provider of technology and closing cost data for the real estate and home finance industries for the past 27 years, announced today that the company has been listed for the fourth time among the Top 100 most innovative technology firms in America by HousingWire. The company appeared in HousingWire's fourth annual HW TECH100™ list, published in its March issue.

“The companies that make up the 2017 HW TECH100™ are the cream of the crop of the entire housing industry, from real estate to mortgage lending, servicing, and investment,” said HousingWire Senior Financial Reporter Ben Lane. “These companies aren't just taking part in the housing industry's technological revolution; they're leading it.”

The TECH100™ represents the housing economy's 100 most innovative technology companies, according to HousingWire. Making the cut is a special honor reserved for the very best technology our industry has to offer. Since the company was founded 27 years ago, Ernst has processed well over 1 billion transactions and unveiled dozens of technologies and products that produce efficiency across the real estate industry.

“The companies in the 2017 HW Tech100™ cover the entire mortgage finance spectrum. There's hardly a corner of our industry that hasn't been transformed in some way, either by fintech startups focusing on a specific software need or legacy companies evolving to compete in the new environment,” said HousingWire Magazine Editor Sarah Wheeler. “Now more than ever, these companies are delivering the innovation this industry needs to do its most important job: supporting the American Dream.”

“For the past four years, the editors at HousingWire have included us in their list of the industry's top technology firms. It's an honor that has served to help drive our team to be more beneficial to the industry each year,” said Gregory E. Teal, President and CEO of Ernst Publishing. “I'm sure this is true for the other firms on the list as well, which means we're all fortunate to have a publication like HousingWire to set the bar high and recognize excellence when it finds it. A big thank you to the editors and to the great

team I work with here at Ernst Publishing.”

Ernst programs processed 250 million real estate transactions in 2016, making it the most used technology of its kind in the industry. CEO Gregory E. Teal is a Mortgage Banking Magazine Tech All-Star. The firm estimates that its patented technology is in use for 90% of the nation’s new loan originations and refinance transactions.

About HousingWire

HousingWire is the nation's most influential industry news source covering the U.S. housing economy, spanning residential mortgage lending, servicing, investments, and real estate operations. The company's news, commentary, magazine content, industry directories, and events give more than one million industry professionals each year the insight they need to make better, more informed business decisions. Winner of numerous awards, including a 2012 Eddie Award for national editorial excellence in the B2B Banking/Business/Finance category, HousingWire has been recognized for excellence in journalism by the Society of Business Editors and Writers, the American Society of Business Press Editors, the National Association of Real Estate Editors, and Trade Association Business Publications International. Learn more at <http://www.housingwire.com>.

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