

Knowledge to Action picks up 49th place at The Sunday Times Fast Track 100 Awards and donates to Virgin Unite - Founder plans trip with Richard Branson at his luxury game reserve in South Africa.

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Sponsored by the Virgin Group and held at Sir Richard Branson's private residence in Oxfordshire, the 14th Annual Fast Track conference and dinner boasted an impressive line-up of the UK's top 100 fastest growing companies. Over the past 14 years the combined turnover of the Fast Track companies has risen from £1.6bn to £4bn - a great testament to entrepreneurial Britain.

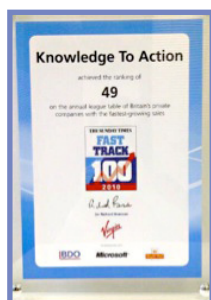
Picking up first place in the ranking was Buymobilephones.net (online phone retailer) with a 340.15% annual growth over 3 years, second was Subocean Group (subsea construction provider) with 237.14% and third place VADition (hardware distribution) with 195.77%. Coming in an impressive 49th place Knowledge to Action saw a growth of 72.81%.



The vibrancy and drive among Britain's private companies is equally impressive. More than half the companies on the league table today are less than 10 years old, proving that Britain remains a great place to set up and grow your business.

The event kicked off in the early afternoon where over 250 celebrated guests were gathered to listen to an impressive line-up of speakers including entrepreneurial heavy weights, Mike Clare (Founder and president of bed retailer Dreams), Keith Abel (co-founder of Abel & Cole, Organic Grocery boxes) and Nick Jenkins (Founder of Moonpig.com, Personalised Greeting Cards).

All three business gurus delved into the question of what makes a company successful and gave humorous accounts of their journeys to the top. Some of the top tips? Mike Clare says when looking for staff always look for C.A.P (Common Sense, Attitude and Personality) and steer clear of L.S.D (Lazy, Stupid and Dishonest). Nick Jenkins tells the story of how came up with the name Moonpig, firstly his main objective was that it was short, easy to remember and easy to spell (unlike Funky Pigeon). A little known fact was that Moonpig was also his nick name at school and luckily the domain name was free for purchase so that Moonpig could change the face of Birthday cards forever.



Before sitting down to a lavish dinner, guests were treated to a Q&A session with Sir Richard Branson and Virgin Group CEO, Stephen Murphy. Richard was on form and feverishly cheeky (as ever!) asking for questions from pretty ladies in red dresses and fielding important questions regarding his hair growth. Virgin has created more than 400 branded companies worldwide, employing approximately 50,000 people in 29 countries. Its branded revenues around the world in 2010 exceeded £11,5 billion.



Richard explained that having strong cultures and not over managing them is what makes Virgin one of the most successful companies in the world. Stephen Murphy highlighted that Virgin stands for innovation, value for money and client service and all this should always be carried under the umbrella of fun. What's more impressive were Richard's plans for space travel and his never ending vision for progressive innovation with his Virgin Galactic intercontinental crossing from Miami to London taking 1h30min.

Knowledge to Action Group Chairman, Greg Secker was joined by his partner and Knowledge to Action Foundation director, Katherine Scott. The couple later met up with Sir Richard Branson in his home and were subsequently invited to join him in South Africa at the end of the year. Greg commented "It's an absolute privilege to share the stage with an such an icon as Sir Richard Branson - and I look forward to another amazing event with him in July this year at the National Achievers Congress. To be able to join him in South Africa, where we both share a passion for charity work was a real highlight of the evening!



Additional information

In the past 8 years, more than 100,000 people have attended Knowledge to Action's trading seminars and workshops, where they learn how to produce a second or replacement income trading the stock and currency markets.

With offices in London, Sydney and South Africa and partners in Singapore and America, Knowledge to Action employs 150 people worldwide and has an annual combined turnover of £22 million. The company's meteoric success has been recently highlighted in the 2009 National Business Awards as a finalist for growth and innovation. They went on to pick up a prized finalist position in the 2010 London Excellence Awards, and most recently claimed 49th place in the 2010 Sunday Times Fast Track 100 Awards- a Sunday Times initiative co-sponsored by Virgin that recognises UK's Fastest growing companies.

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