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Women retain their lead the Top 100 Asian Stars in UK Tech 2022 list

London, July 11th 2022: Women have retained their lead of the Top 100 Asian Stars in UK Tech 2022 list, accounting for 51% of the index which is published annually by equality charity Diversity UK in its effort to celebrate diversity in the digital sector. Now in its eighth year, the Top 100 Asian Stars in UK Tech List focuses on disruptive technologies and showcases the wealth of talent that is currently growing the British tech scene.

Over the last eight years, women's representation in the Top 100 Asian Stars in UK Tech list has increased from 21% in 2015 to 52% in 2021 and 51% in 2022, even as the list has grown and become increasingly competitive, with each year attracting more nominations than the previous year. In 2019, the charity created the additional Asian Tech Pioneers list to highlight the role well-known individual pioneers play in supporting the British tech ecosystem. In 2022, women accounted for 40% of the Asian Tech Pioneers 2022 list too.

Lopa Patel MBE, list curator and Chair of Diversity UK said: *"It took me by surprise that women accounted for more than half the shortlisted nominees in this year's Top 100 Asian Stars in UK Tech list as I was focussed on reaching as many more new nominees in the new categories of AI and Life Sciences this year. I am delighted that the list has marked its eighth anniversary with a vibrant in-person event, hosted by sponsors Eversheds Sutherland, Ketchum and Wavelength and we published a stellar list of nominees.*

Britain loves its tech entrepreneurs; 31% of the list is made up of Startup founders or co-founders; and 15% are in the Business category with more established enterprises; 15% are Investors (including angel investors, incubators, private equity and venture capitalists). The new AI category accounted for 16%; Healthtech & Life Sciences (10%) and Greentech (13%). The emergence of leading women in the life sciences, healthtech and wellbeing category is pleasing and vital if Britain is to bounce back entrepreneurially from the impact of the pandemic."

The judging panel for the Top 100 Asian Stars in UK Tech list is evenly balanced with experts in AI and Life Sciences like **Hanadi Jabado**, Managing Partner of Sana Capital, an investment fund which aims to drive innovation that can heal the world; **Kevin Shakesheff**, Pro Vice-Chancellor for Research, Enterprise and Scholarship at The Open University and Chair of the National Centre for Replacement, Refinement and Reduction (NC3Rs); **John Lee Allen**, Managing Partner, RYSE Asset Management which connects high-potential healthcare founders with established distribution partners, joining AI and tech ecosystem professionals like **Sam Beni**, Head of Innovation, Tech Nation; **Sue Turner OBE**, Founder, AI Governance Ltd; **John Domingue**, Director, The Knowledge Media Institute, OU and investors such as **Guy Weaver**, Director, Praetura Ventures; **Kevin Withane**, Founder/Investor, DiversityX and **Joanna Santinon**, Non-Executive Director, Octopus Future Generations VCT plc. They judge a growing list of candidates alongside **Gurpreet Manku**, Deputy Director General & Director of Policy, BVCA; **Lopa Patel MBE**, Chair, Diversity UK, and list curator and **Ramesh Vala CBE**, Consultant & Brand Ambassador, Ince, and Chair of the Judging Panel.

The official list of the **Top 100 Asian Stars in UK Tech 2022** was published on 6th July 2022 by Diversity UK and aims to highlight the ground-breaking business models, apps, funding and support networks being created by Asian digital entrepreneurs. Based on feedback received by the charity, Top 100 Asian Stars in UK Tech nominees make valuable connections that help fund and scale their businesses; join accelerator programmes and trade missions; are recognised by other publications and go on to win competitions, grants and awards.

For further details visit <https://asiansintech.com/top-100-asian-stars-in-uk-tech-2022/>



Notes for Editors:

The Judging Panel 2022

1. **Gurpreet Manku**, Deputy Director General & Director of Policy, BVCA
2. **Guy Weaver**, Director, Praetura Ventures
3. **Hanadi Jabado**, Managing Director, CMS Ventures
4. **Joanna Santinon**, Non-Executive Director, Octopus Future Generations VCT plc
5. **John Domingue**, Director, The Knowledge Media Institute, OU
6. **John Lee Allen**, Managing Partner, RYSE Asset Management
7. **Kevin Shakesheff**, Pro Vice-Chancellor RES, OU
8. **Kevin Withane**, Founder/Investor, DiversityX
9. **Lopa Patel MBE**, Chair, Diversity UK
10. **Ramesh Vala CBE**, Consultant & Brand Ambassador, Ince [Chair of the Judging Panel]
11. **Sam Beni**, Head of Innovation, Tech Nation
12. **Sue Turner OBE**, Founder, AI Governance Ltd

The full list of judges can be viewed here: <https://asiansintech.com/judges-2022/>

About Asians in Tech

The Top 100 Asian Stars in UK Tech is the definitive list of Asians working in the digital and technology sectors in Britain. The aim of the list is to showcase diverse talent; from startup founders, technologists, venture capitalists and investors; to the game changers and digital influencers in business and social enterprise. www.asiansintech.com | [@asiansintech](https://twitter.com/asiansintech)

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