



# ITA Software Press Release

## **ITA Software CEO Jeremy Wertheimer Named Ernst & Young Entrepreneur Of The Year® 2007 Award Winner for New England Region**

*Award Recognizes Entrepreneurial Excellence in the Vertical Market Software Category*

**(Cambridge, MA, June 18, 2007)** - ITA Software, the leading provider of innovative airline IT and services, today announced that Jeremy Wertheimer, founder and CEO, received the Ernst & Young Entrepreneur Of The Year® 2007 Award in the vertical market software category for the New England region. According to Ernst & Young, the award recognizes outstanding entrepreneurs who are building and leading dynamic, growing businesses. Mr. Wertheimer was selected by an independent panel of judges and the award was presented at an Ernst & Young Entrepreneur Of The Year gala event at the Westin Boston Waterfront Hotel on June 14, 2007.

"This award is an honor for ITA Software and a tribute to the achievements of our team," said Wertheimer. "I am proud of our talented employees who combine computer science expertise with deep airline industry knowledge in order to deliver innovative solutions for airlines and travel web sites."

The Ernst & Young Entrepreneur Of The Year awards program celebrates its 21st anniversary this year and continues to honor entrepreneurs who have demonstrated excellence in such areas as innovation, financial performance, and personal commitment to their businesses and communities.

"Ernst & Young is honored to recognize extraordinary business leaders, such as ITA Software CEO Jeremy Wertheimer, and the companies they have built," said Bryan Pearce, Ernst & Young Entrepreneur Of The Year program director for New England.

As a New England award winner, Jeremy Wertheimer is now eligible for consideration for the Ernst & Young Entrepreneur Of The Year 2007 national program. Award winners in several national categories, as well as the overall national Ernst & Young Entrepreneur Of The Year award winner, will be announced at the annual awards gala in Palm Springs, California on November 17, 2007. The national Entrepreneur Of The Year celebration is part of Ernst & Young's Strategic Growth Forum. The overall national Entrepreneur Of The Year award recipient is then considered for the world event held in Monte Carlo.

### **Sponsors**

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### **About ITA Software**

ITA Software ([www.itasoftware.com](http://www.itasoftware.com)) is a leader in providing innovative information technology for the airline industry. ITA developed the industry's most comprehensive airfare shopping system, which is used by leading travel companies such as Aeroplan, Alaska Airlines, Alitalia, Continental Airlines, US Airways, Farecast, Kayak, Orbitz and others. ITA is currently building a new passenger reservation system with launch partner Air Canada. In 2006 ITA was named as one of the Best Places to Work by the Boston Business Journal; received the Economic Impact award from the Massachusetts Alliance for Economic Development; and received Deloitte's Technology Fast 500 award.

### **About the Ernst & Young Entrepreneur Of The Year Awards**

The Entrepreneur Of The Year? awards program was created and is produced by professional services firm Ernst & Young LLP. As the first award of its kind, the Ernst & Young Entrepreneur Of The Year? Award recognizes outstanding entrepreneurs who are building and leading dynamic and growing businesses. The program, which celebrated its 20th anniversary in 2006, honors entrepreneurs through regional, national and global award programs in over 125 cities and 40 countries.

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