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Danby CEO, Jim Estill, EY Entrepreneur Of The Year® 2019 Award Finalist

GUELPH, ON (July 19, 2019) – Jim Estill, CEO of Danby, has been selected as one of the EY Entrepreneur Of The Year finalists. Jim was chosen as a finalist in the Ontario region for this year's program in the Business to Consumer Products and Services category after a long and rigorous evaluation process by an independent panel of judges.

Jim started his first company out of the trunk of his car while attending the University of Waterloo. He grew this company to \$350 million in sales before selling to Synnex in 2004. Jim then became CEO of Synnex Canada where he grew sales from \$800 million to \$2 billion in five years.

Throughout his career he's invested in over 150 companies — of those, 25 were sold.

In 2015, Jim purchased Danby, which at the time was struggling financially. Over the last four years Jim has managed to return Danby to profitability and stabilize the business. This has allowed Danby to expand into new markets (UK and Mexico) and develop innovative new product lines, like its award-winning smart mailbox, Danby Parcel Guard.

In addition to his business success and innovations, Jim has been the recipient of numerous awards and recognitions, including being named a member of the Order of Canada in March, 2019. Jim is also regarded as a philanthropist and well known for his financial generosity and ongoing efforts to provide refuge to families fleeing from the civil war in Syria.

The Ontario finalists will come together on October 24th, 2019 in Toronto at the annual awards gala, where EY will name one winner in each of the nine categories. For more program details and information on how to attend one of the regional galas across the country visit: ey.com/ca/eoy

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About Danby Appliances:

Founded in 1947, Danby is one of North America's leading manufacturer/distributors of compact appliances such as microwaves, dehumidifiers, refrigerators, freezers and air conditioners. The company operates three distinct business units – Danby, MicroFridge, and Silhouette – with four North American offices, including three in the U.S. and one in Canada. For more information on Danby and its products, please visit www.Danby.com. Follow Danby on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#).

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2019 Finalist