



# Smarter Business Chairman Mark Read Named as 2018 ?Face of a Vibrant Economy?

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*Campaign highlights leaders who inspire by example and show how better business can be done*

PR9.NET November 15, 2018 - United Kingdom, Haywards Heath - Grant Thornton announced the names of their 2018 campaign to celebrate leaders who excel in better business - and Smarter Business Chairman Mark Read is one of them.

Now in its third year, the Faces of a Vibrant Economy campaign ? created by accountant and financial advisor Grant Thornton ? identifies 100 progressive UK leaders from across all sectors of business, culture and civic society who each demonstrate excellence in key areas.

Chairman Mark Read was nominated as a leader who:

Fosters a culture of growth, job creation and leads the company into new markets  
Solves problems with products and services that disrupt the sector and challenge the status quo  
Invests in the workforce, connects financial profit to social purpose and contributes to the wider community

Sacha Romanovitch, CEO at Grant Thornton UK LLP, says:

?At Grant Thornton, we know that doing well by doing good makes business sense and believe that leaders embracing this ethos deserve to be championed. That?s why we launched the Faces campaign ? to celebrate individuals who exemplify the Vibrant Economy movement, which aims to shape an environment where people, organisations and communities thrive.

?From jet aircraft manufacturers, farmers, local government leaders dance school principals; our Faces share the same commitment to making a positive impact. For many of these leaders, clear purpose is the North Star, helping them to navigate and make the right decisions in the longer term. Being purpose-led in this way involves a fundamental mindset shift from 'what I can do', towards ?what we collectively can do?.

?By celebrating these remarkable leaders, we recognise their role in developing a more purposeful and innovative business environment. They show us how business can be done through ?human? leadership which nurtures talent. They provide examples to inspire other business leaders and the next generation to shape a Vibrant Economy. They demonstrate that profits with purpose lead to sustainable business, and show us that it?s not only possible, but also necessary, to do well by doing good.?

The 2018 Faces have become part of a wider community that is now 300-strong. The community connects leaders with similar mindsets and missions, who may otherwise never meet. It gives an opportunity to share ideas and insights, as well as learn from each other.

Smarter Business Chairman Mark Read says: ?I am proud on behalf of the team at Smarter Business to be recognised by Grant Thornton for our contribution to helping businesses improve operational efficiency, save money and become Smarter Businesses. We have helped more than 40,000 businesses save millions of pounds, and we look forward to continuing to help our clients streamline and save on their essential services.?

His advice to other business leaders? ?Be tenacious and surround yourself with great people at every level of the organisation.?

Read more: <https://faces.grantthornton.co.uk/faces/mark-read/>.

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