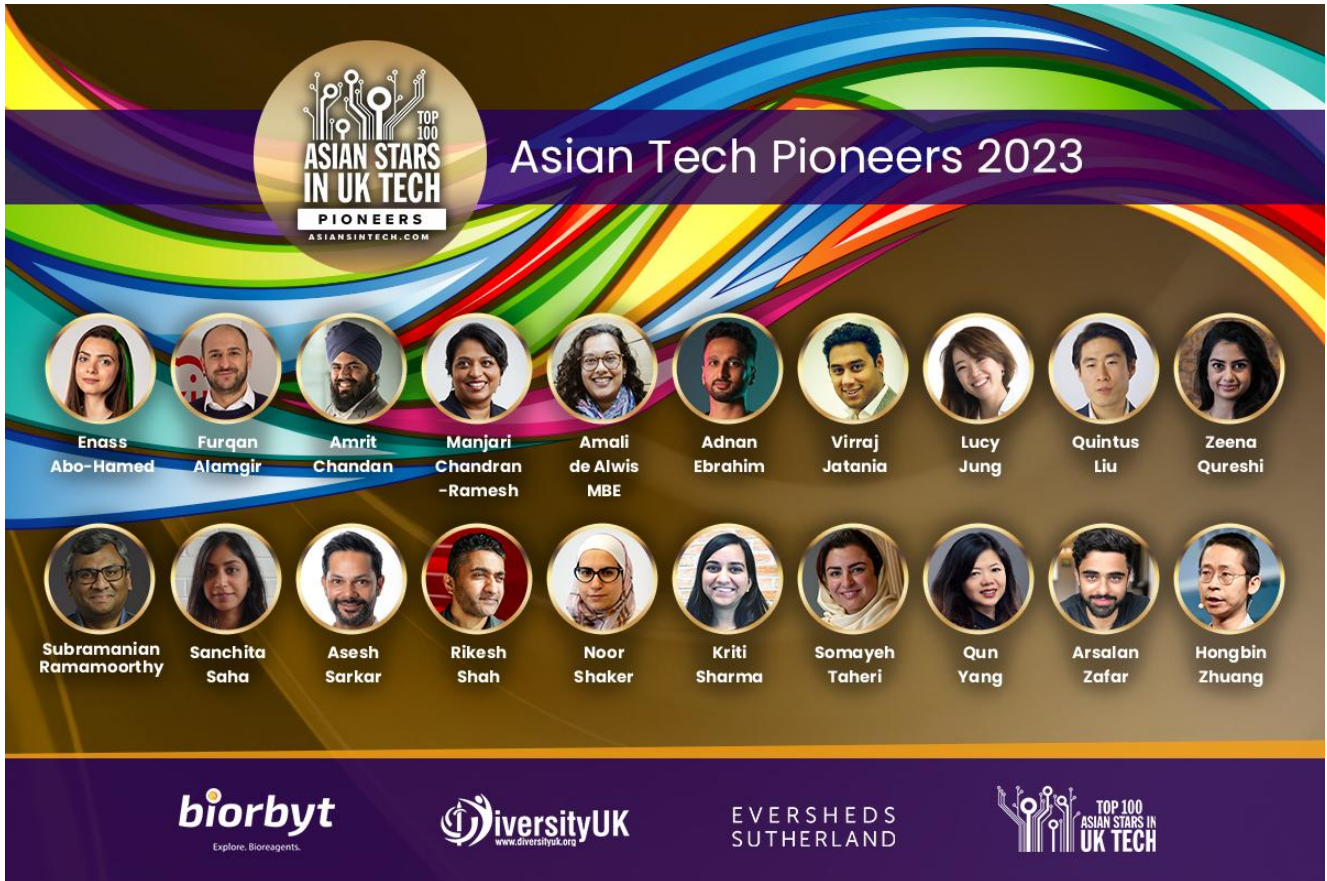


UK Tech Stalwarts Honoured as Asian Tech Pioneers 2023



London, [July, 7 2023]: Twenty of Britain’s leading UK tech stalwarts were earlier this week honoured as **Asian Tech Pioneers 2023** by equality charity Diversity UK, in association with law firm Eversheds Sutherland and Cambridge-based Biorbyt, one of Europe’s largest bio-reagents supplier. The event took place in Central London on Wednesday 5 July 2023 and simultaneously saw the release of the Top 100 Asian Stars in UK Tech 2023 list. Now in its ninth year, the list celebrates the outstanding contribution made by British Asians to this country’s digital economy.

Among those honoured were **Dr Enass Abo-Hamed**, the Co-founder & CEO at H2GO Power Ltd, an award winning spin-out company from the University of Cambridge developing Hydrogen AI and energy storage technologies; **Dr Somayeh Taheri**, CEO of UrbanChain, a blockchain/AI-based energy exchange system that directly links energy consumers to renewable generators using its trading platform; **Dr Amrit Chandan**, CEO of Aceleron which has developed the world’s first truly circular economy lithium battery based on its patented technology and **Furqan Alamgir**, CEO of Connexin, a technology company specialising in smart city solutions and IoT (Internet of Things) connectivity.

In the healthtech space, **Quintus Liu**, CEO & Founder of Healthera, one of the UK’s fastest-growing digital health companies, connecting thousands of pharmacies to over 750,000 patients across the country, was recognised alongside **Dr Noor Shaker**, Senior Vice President & General Manager at X-Chem Inc, solving small, sparse, fragmented and noisy data challenges in drug discovery and **Qun Yang**, the co-founder and COO of Biorbyt, one of Europe’s largest bioscience hubs, providing antibodies, small molecules, ELISA kits and protein services to the global scientific community.



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Focus on FinTech and HealthTech

FinTech pioneers **Virraj Jatania**, Founder and CEO of Pockit, a challenger bank equipping the UK's financially underserved with simple, transparent digital banking and **Asesh Sarkar**, Global CEO and Co-founder of Salary Finance, a leading employee financial wellness platform were recognised alongside leading Asian healthtech and AI innovators.

Jon Gill, Partner, at global law firm Eversheds Sutherland who helped judge the 2023 list, said: *"The breadth and sheer quality of nominations for these awards was particularly impressive, with significant contributions and achievement across the tech community from operators, investors and ecosystem builders alike. We were also delighted to see such a strong representation of female entrepreneurs and investors leading this vibrant and vital part of the digital economy in the UK, with an increasing focus on impact and sustainability."*

Lopa Patel MBE, list curator and Chair of Diversity UK said: *"It is inspiring to see so many Pioneers scale new heights over the past year, succeeding on the merits of their ingenuity in the development of innovative solutions for pressing problems in financial services, healthcare and energy. I am delighted that the Top 100 Asian Stars in UK Tech list has marked its ninth anniversary and that we have been able to honour twenty amazing **Asian Tech Pioneers**, including for the first time ever ten inspirational women who make up 50% of the Pioneers index this year. The Asian Tech Pioneers index now stands at 121 individuals - symbolically a very powerful number - the key to success, love, and happiness."*

It is also pleasing to see that newer sectors like AI (4.1%) and Healthtech (3.3%) being represented alongside established industry categories like business (42.1%) and investors (22.3%) among this elite group of inspirational individuals - it is indicative of the maturity of the sector. We were doubly pleased, this year, to have honoured the entrepreneurial ecosystem builders who are so often overlooked."

About the Asian Tech Pioneers

The Asian Tech Pioneers Awards were introduced in 2019 to mark the fifth anniversary of the The Top 100 Asian Stars in UK Tech list and celebrate an elite group of individuals who have helped to build Britain's technology sector. 91 Asian Tech Pioneers, who have appeared on the list several times, have been recognised to date, with this year's 20 awardees joining 10 entrepreneurial ecosystem builders to bring that total to 121 - symbolically a very powerful number - the key to success, love & happiness.

About the Top 100 Asian Stars in UK Tech list

The Top 100 Asian Stars in UK Tech list, published by Diversity UK aims to highlight the business models, apps, funding and support networks being created by Asian digital entrepreneurs. The list addresses the perceived lack of diversity in the tech sector and showcases the wealth of talent that is currently helping the British tech scene grow. The Top 100 Asian Stars in UK Tech list and Diversity UK are the brainchild of the digital entrepreneur Lopa Patel MBE who has long been recognised as an evangelist for STEM and the tech industries in the UK.

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Brief biographies in alphabetical order by last name.

Enass Abo-Hamed, CEO - H2GO Power

Dr Enass Abo-Hamed is the Co-founder & CEO at H2GO Power Ltd; an award winning spin-out company from the University of Cambridge developing Hydrogen AI and energy storage technologies.

Furqan Alamgir, Founder & CEO - Connexin

Furqan Alamgir is a visionary entrepreneur and business leader, the CEO of Connexin, a leading technology company specialising in smart city solutions and IoT (Internet of Things) connectivity.

Amrit Chandan, CEO & Co-Founder - Acceleron

Dr Amrit Chandan is currently the CEO of Aceleron which has developed the world's first truly circular economy lithium battery based on its patented technology.

Manjari Chandran-Ramesh, Partner - Amadeus Capital Partners

Dr. Manjari Chandran-Ramesh is DeepTech investor at Amadeus Capital Partners investing in deep tech companies in Enterprise B2B software, ML, AI, robotics and Quantum Technologies.

Amali De Alwis MBE, NED and Tech startup consultant

Amali is a portfolio NED and tech startup business consultant; prior to which she was most recently CEO at Subak, the world's first not-for-profit accelerator and data community that scales climate impact through data, policy and public behaviour.

Adnan Ebrahim, Co-founder & CEO - MindLabs

Adnan Ebrahim is Co-founder & CEO of MindLabs, a London-based digital mental health company, which has raised over £4 million in funding from Passion Capital, PROfounders Capital & Seedcamp.

Virraj Jatania, Co-Founder & CEO - Pockit

Virraj Jatania is the founder and CEO of Pockit, a challenger bank equipping the UK's financially underserved with simple, transparent digital banking.

Lucy Jung, CEO - Charco

Lucy Jung is CEO at Charco Neurotech, which has developed the CUE1, a non-invasive wearable device for Parkinson's, that uses vibrotactile stimulation to reduce symptoms of slowness and stiffness resulting in improved movement.

Quintus Liu ,CEO & Founder - Healthera

Quintus Liu is CEO & Founder of Healthera, one of the UK's fastest-growing Digital Health companies, connecting thousands of pharmacies to over 750,000 patients across the country.

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Zeena Qureshi, Co-Founder & CEO - Sonantic

Zeena Qureshi is the co-founder and CEO of Sonantic, a UK-based deeptech startup that creates the world's most human realistic AI-powered speech software which was acquired by Spotify in 2022, where Zeena now works as a Product Director.

Subramanian Ramamoorthy, Scientific Advisor - FiveAI

Subramanian Ramamoorthy is the Scientific Advisor (previously Vice President Prediction and Motion Planning) at FiveAI, a UK-based startup company focussed on developing a technology stack for autonomous vehicles. In 2022, Five was acquired by Robert Bosch GmbH.

Sanchita Saha, CEO & Founder - Shello

Sanchita Saha is Founder & Head of SEO at Citysocializer and Founder of Shello, a knowledge-share app and community for women, created as a private space for women to ask and answer questions on any topic from a single platform, allowing the community to crowd-source the knowledge and experience of a global female network.

Asesh Sarkar, Global CEO & Co-founder - Salary Finance

Asesh is the Global CEO and Co-founder of Salary Finance, a leading employee financial wellness platform. Since launching the platform in 2015, Salary Finance now supports the financial wellness of a community of 10 million employees across the UK and US, offering a suite of salary deducted financial employee benefits.

Rikesh Shah, Open Innovation and Open Data Expert - PA Consulting

Rikesh Shah is Open Innovation and Open Data Expert at PA Consulting having previously been Head of Open innovation at Transport for London (TfL) where he set up the first ever open innovation function to help deliver London's goals.

Noor Shaker, Senior Vice President & General Manager - X-Chem Inc

Noor Shaker is Founder & CEO of Glamorous AI solving small, sparse, fragmented and noisy data challenges in drug discovery. Glamorous was acquired by X-Chem in October 2021 to integrate data and AI in ways never possible before.

Kriti Sharma, Founder - AI for Good UK

Kriti Sharma is an AI technologist, business executive and humanitarian, the founder of AI for Good UK, which works to make artificial intelligence tools more ethical and equitable.

Somayeh Taheri, CEO - Urban Chain

Dr Somayeh Taheri is CEO at UrbanChain Ltd, a blockchain/AI-based energy exchange system that directly links energy consumers to renewable generators using its trading platform which is driven by AI and blockchain technologies.

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Qun Yang, Co-Founder & COO - Biorbyt

Qun Yang is the co-founder and COO of Biorbyt, one of Europe's largest bioscience hubs, providing antibodies, small molecules, ELISA kits and protein services to the global scientific community.

Arsalan Zafar, Co-Founder - DeepRender AI

Arsalan Zafar is Co-Founder of Deep Render, a London-based AI startup that develops media compression algorithms.

Hongbin Zhuang, CEO & Co-Founder - Emotech

Hongbin Zhuang is CEO & Co-Founder of Emotech, an award-winning artificial intelligence startup based in London. Its mission is to redefine the relationship between humans and technology.

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About Diversity UK

Diversity UK is an equality and inclusion charity that researches, advocates and promotes ideas for improving diversity in Britain. Diversity UK delivers its charitable objectives by undertaking research, facilitating debates, hosting roundtable meetings, producing white papers and publishing a monthly newsletter focusing on contemporary equality issues. Diversity UK is a registered charity (No: 1155189) in England & Wales.

Diversity UK has long promoted inclusion in the tech sector. It has:

- ❖ Co-hosted the Diversity Tech Summit in 2016 and in 2022
- ❖ Published the Top 100 Asian Stars in UK Tech (AT100) for the past eight years
- ❖ Recognised more than 90 individuals as Asian Tech Pioneers
- ❖ Organised 5 Tech showcases for under-represented founders to pitch for funding
- ❖ Championed women founders with a series of 'Investing in Women Founders' events.

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