

Company: Professional.me Corporation, Dover, DE

Company Description: Professional.me is an AI-powered recruitment platform transforming how companies hire by replacing outdated CVs and job descriptions with predictive success profiles. Acting like the “Google Maps of recruitment,” it provides a data-driven path to the right talent—faster, fairer, and more accurately than ever before.

Nomination Category: Entrepreneur Categories

Nomination Sub Category: Best Entrepreneur - Computer Software - Up to 500 Employees

Nomination Title: Ryan Adams, CEO

1. Which will you submit for this nomination, a video of up to five (5) minutes in length or a written essay of up to 650 words? Choose one:

Essay of up to 650 words

2. If you are submitting a video of up to five (5) minutes in length, provide the URL of the nominated video here, OR attach it to your entry via the "Add Attachments, Videos, or Links to This Entry" link above, through which you may also upload a copy of your video:

3. If you are providing a written essay for this nomination, submit in this space an essay of up to 650 words describing the achievements of the nominated entrepreneur since 1 January 2023:

Total 574 words used.

Since January 1, 2023, Ryan Adams has emerged as one of the most dynamic and globally influential entrepreneurs in the computer software industry. As the CEO and founder of Professional.me, Ryan is at the forefront of transforming how companies connect with talent, building an AI-driven platform that replaces outdated résumés with a skills-based hiring language—making recruitment faster, smarter, and more inclusive.

Headquartered in both the USA and UAE, Professional.me has rapidly gained global traction under Ryan’s leadership. His ability to translate complex technology into intuitive, impactful software has attracted high-profile clients such as RE/MAX, a global real estate leader that relies on the platform to streamline and strengthen its hiring process.

Ryan’s entrepreneurial journey gained international recognition when he was featured in Entrepreneur.com in a 2024 article titled “The Best Man for the Job.” The feature not only highlighted his innovations in recruitment tech, but also his purpose-driven approach to leadership—one rooted in empathy, access, and social impact.

In 2024, Ryan led Professional.me to win the GITEX Europe Berlin Prize at the AI Everything Global Supernova Pitch Competition—one of the most competitive global tech showcases. Out of hundreds of startups, Professional.me stood out for its relevance, innovation, and real-world impact, making it the only UAE-headquartered company to receive an award that year.

But Ryan’s influence extends far beyond building software. Since January 2023, he has served on the UAE Economic Collaboration Committee – SME Workgroup, contributing to national-level conversations around how to support the region’s entrepreneurs and small businesses. He was also nominated to represent the UAE in a trade delegation to Armenia conducted by the Abu Dhabi Chamber of Commerce—reflecting the trust and respect he commands in international policy and innovation circles.

Ryan was also an invited speaker at the G20 Technology Innovation Summit in Bangalore, India, where he shared his expertise on creating a thriving ecosystem for entrepreneurs. His address emphasized the importance of access to capital, mentorship, and digital infrastructure—and his own experience building two successful startups lent weight and credibility to his message.

As part of his ongoing commitment to growth, Ryan completed a blended certification track at MIT focused on the Chief Technology Officer (CTO) program, along with a Product Management Certificate from Stanford University. These advanced programs have helped him sharpen his leadership in areas such as digital strategy, technology scaling, and team-building in innovation-driven environments.

Dedicated to paying it forward, Ryan led a hands-on workshop at Hult International Business School in Dubai in 2025, giving master’s students a chance to connect theory with practice. The session focused on using AI to solve real-world problems—mirroring the very challenges Professional.me addresses in global recruitment markets.

In addition to his role at Professional.me, Ryan is the Managing Partner of Raha Beach Ventures, a platform that helps early-stage entrepreneurs bring their innovative startup ideas to life. Whether through mentorship, investment, or strategic support, Ryan is committed to creating opportunities for founders across emerging markets.

What makes Ryan exceptional is not only his product vision, but also his deep understanding of what it takes to build—and sustain—a mission-driven tech company. He brings together policy engagement, hands-on leadership, and a passion for inclusive innovation in a way that few founders can match.

For his achievements in software innovation, global entrepreneurship, and ecosystem development, Ryan Adams is an outstanding nominee for the International Stevie Award for Best Entrepreneur – Computer Software – Up to 500 Employees.

4. In bullet-list form (up to 150 words), provide a brief summary of up to ten (10) of the chief achievements of the nominated entrepreneur since 1 January 2023:

Total 135 words used.

1. 2021–Present: Serving as Managing Partner of Raha Beach Ventures, helping founders launch innovation-driven startups.
2. 2023–Present: Member of the UAE Economic Collaboration Committee – SME Workgroup.
3. 2023: Earned a Product Management Certificate from Stanford University.
4. 2023: Delivered invited talk at the G20 Technology Innovation Summit in Bangalore on building entrepreneurial ecosystems.
5. 2023: Participated in UAE-to-Armenia trade delegation organized by the UAE Chambers of Commerce.
6. 2023: Completed a blended certification program at MIT focused on the CTO track.
7. 2024: Led a hands-on AI workshop at Hult International Business School in Dubai.
8. 2025: Secured RE/MAX as a key client for Professional.me.
9. 2025: Led Professional.me to win the GITEX Europe Berlin Prize at the AI Everything Global Supernova Pitch Competition.
10. 2025: Featured in *Entrepreneur.com* article “The Best Man for the Job” highlighting his leadership and impact.

Attachments/Videos/Links:

[Ryan Adams, CEO](#)



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