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NEW INDUCTEES TO THINKERS50 HALL OF FAME ANNOUNCED

LONDON – Thinkers50, the premier ranking of global business thinkers, today announced six new members of its Hall of Fame to join Charles Handy, Tom Peters, Philip Kotler and Henry Mintzberg.

“The Hall of Fame acknowledges the thinkers whose work forms the cornerstone of how we understand and practice management and leadership in organizations,” says Thinkers50 co-founder Des Dearlove. “The six new inductees have all contributed substantial bodies of work which will stand the test of time.”

The six new members of the Thinkers50 Hall of Fame are:

- **Ram Charan:** Indian-born executive coach and author of 15 books including, most recently, *The Attacker’s Advantage*. “He has the ability to distill meaningful from meaningless and transfer it to others in a quiet effective way,” says Jack Welch.
- **Edward Lawler:** Professor at the University of Southern California and prolific author of more than 40 books including *Management Reset*, *Rewarding Excellence* and *Effective Human Resource Management*.
- **Andrew Kakabadse:** Professor at the UK’s Henley Business School, Professor Emeritus at Cranfield School of Management, wide ranging body of work including (most recently) *The Success Formula* and *Leading the Board*.
- **Rosabeth Moss Kanter:** Harvard Business School professor, political campaigner, author of bestsellers including *The Change Masters*, *Confidence* and *Men and Women of the Corporation*.
- **Richard Rumelt:** Professor at UCLA’s Anderson School, founding member of the Strategic Management Society and author of the bestselling *Good Strategy/Bad Strategy*.
- **Edgar H Schein:** MIT professor, created the term ‘career anchors’, author of seminal works *Organizational Culture and Leadership* and *Career Dynamics*.

“These thinkers prove the point that there is nothing so practical as a great idea,” says Thinkers50’s Stuart Crainer. “Ed Schein has shaped how we understand careers and corporate culture; Richard Rumelt has explained how strategy really works; Rosabeth Moss Kanter has explored the humanity of organizations in truly innovative ways; Andrew Kakabadse has charted the evolution of leadership and governance; Ed Lawler is one of the founding fathers of our understanding of talent and

performance; and Ram Charan has worked with some of the great corporate leaders of our time.”

About Thinkers50

Thinkers50 scans, ranks and shares the very best in management ideas. Its definitive global ranking of management thinkers is published every two years. The 2013 winner was Professor Clayton Christensen of Harvard Business School. Previous winners include CK Prahalad (2009 and 2007); Michael Porter (2005) and Peter Drucker (2001 and 2003).

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About Stuart Crainer and Des Dearlove

Des Dearlove & Stuart Crainer are the founders and directors of Thinkers50. They are the authors of more than 15 books available in 20 languages. Former columnists to *The Times*, they are editors of *The Financial Times Handbook of Management*. They advise thinkers and organizations worldwide. Their latest book is *What We Mean When We Talk About Leadership* (Infinite Ideas, 2015).

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