

Hamilton Bradshaw

James Caan receives CBE

James Caan was recognised in this New Year's Honours list, with a Commander of the Order of the British Empire (CBE) for services to entrepreneurship and charitable services through the James Caan Foundation.

James Caan, Chairman of Start-up Loans, which has supported thousands of people with funding and mentoring to start their own business, was "delighted and privileged" to receive the accolade. This award is in recognition of the 25,000 new businesses set up through the scheme which James is particularly proud of.

The Start-up Loans scheme has gone from strength to strength since its launch in 2012, and this year marks an important milestone as they reach the creation of 32,000 jobs. This national scheme is making real changes to people's lives across the country and backing the entrepreneurs of the future.

Commenting on the award Mr Caan said;

"This is a well-earned recognition for The Start -up Loans Company, which has already created 32,000 jobs to date. It's a credit to everyone who's played a role in supporting the scheme and the 25,000 entrepreneurs we have backed to start their own business.

"This award is in recognition of all entrepreneurs in the UK and encapsulates what a fantastic year it's been for start-ups."



Caan is also extremely passionate about his philanthropic work which has been valuable to him as well as those who have been helped through the James Caan Foundation. Since the floods hit Pakistan in July 2010, he has helped to raise £1,000,000 to deliver emergency aid on the ground, rebuild entire villages and impact the lives of thousands of people.

There are also many UK charities who receive significant support from the entrepreneur, such as Marie Curie, Cancer Research UK and The Princes Trust. As Chairman and founder of Start-up Loans, Mr Caan has elected not to receive any salary or fees for his work and is pleased to have lent his support to such a worthwhile project.

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It's this philanthropic work, hand in hand with his business accolades that mark the significance of this honour to him and to those who have been supported by his entrepreneurial and charitable endeavours.

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About the Start Up Loans Scheme

1. For more information on Start Up Loans please visit – www.startuploans.co.uk
2. Start Up Loans is a £310 million government-funded initiative that provides start-up support in the form of a repayable loan together with a business mentor for entrepreneurs across England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland.

James Caan CBE

James Caan is one of the UK's most successful entrepreneurs. He made his fortune through the global success of his recruitment companies, Alexander Mann and Humana International. In 2004 he founded private equity firm Hamilton Bradshaw which has grown to a portfolio of over 30 businesses. He is best known for joining the panel of the hit BBC show Dragons' Den, and more recently, The Business Class on CNBC. A passionate supporter of small businesses, James chairs the Government's Start Up Loans scheme, which provides funding and mentoring to budding entrepreneurs