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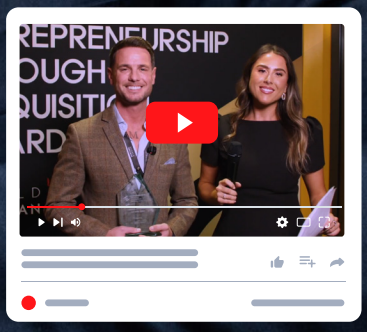
RECOGNISING THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF SEARCHERS AND ACQUISITION ENTREPRENEURS

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The inception of the ETA Awards stems from a profound belief in and passion for the transformative power of entrepreneurship through acquisition and the value it adds to the SME sector. My experience in this field has shown me the immense potential that lies in identifying, acquiring, and scaling businesses, and I am excited that I not only get to advise searchers on their journey, but also get to celebrate with them. The ETA Awards are more than just accolades; by highlighting the successes and innovations within our community, the ETA Awards aim to inspire the next generation of acquisition entrepreneurs, spread the word and help to cement a legacy for the sector.

Carl Lundberg

Carl Lundberg
CEO Gerald Edelman | Founder of ETA Awards



Watch last year's highlights

Read my article "Your Complete Guide to Search Funds"

KEY INFORMATION

DATE

Thursday, 5 November 2026

VENUE

Landing Forty Two, 122 Leadenhall St, London EC3V 4AB

FORMAT

18:30 – 19:00	Arrival and welcome drinks
19:00 – 20:00	Networking, drinks and bowl food Accompanied by a live saxophonist, with special thanks to our Drinks Sponsor, Fox Williams.
20:00 – 20:05	Welcome speech By Founder of the ETA Awards, Carl Lundberg
20:05 – 21:00	Awards ceremony commences Hosted by special guest, comedian Hal Cruttenden
21:00 – 23:00	Awards ceremony concludes Following the awards there will be an opportunity for photographs and interviews with the winners

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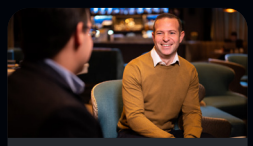
Market mapping and target identification



Structuring of acquisition vehicle and tax optimisation



Project management and buy-side advisory



Pre-sale planning



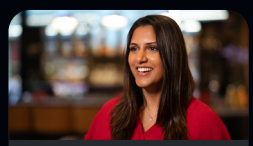
Financial and tax due diligence



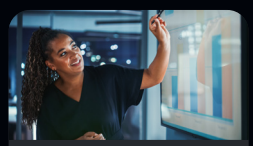
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Sell-side advisory



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AWARD CATEGORIES

LENDER OF THE YEAR

Metro Bank

Triple Point

Growth Lending

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DEAL OF THE YEAR (SELF-FUNDED)

MDV Ventures
Acquisition of Tayrol Ltd

Maple House Capital
Acquisition of Millenium Site Services & Millenium Properties

Belmere Care Group
Acquisition of Plas Garnedd Care Limited

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DEAL OF THE YEAR (TRADITIONAL)

Norte Partners
Acquisition of Kid Ease

Touchstone Point
Acquisition of PassMark

Quo Inversion
Acquisition of Hermex

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INTERN OF THE YEAR

Samuel Dean
1868 Capital

Theo Buffini
Aligned Partners

Jaime Kably
Fortius

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SERIAL ACQUIRER OF THE YEAR

EverGrowth Group

Numeris Groupe

SAS Property Managers

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Newton Equity Partners

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M&L Holdings, Merebrook Consulting

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VICTORIAM EQUITY

Bramley is a founding partner of Victoriam Equity, a global fund committed to putting searchers first. He has spent over fifteen years advising and investing in searchers worldwide, with search fund investments across five continents.



ALEX GLASNER

WORKPAYS

Alex is Managing Director of Workpays, a Midlands-based employability and skills training provider with ten offices and over 100 staff. He acquired the company in 2021 through his search fund, Coniston Peak, and has since doubled its revenue.



CLAIRE NESLER

KINETICO HEALTH

Claire is Co-Founder and Co-CEO of Kinetico Health, acquiring private musculoskeletal healthcare businesses in the UK. She previously worked in private equity and investment banking and holds an MBA from Harvard Business School.



LINH VAN DEIBEL

ACACIA PARTNERS

Linh is a founding partner at Acacia Partners, a family office dedicated to acquiring and operating businesses in the UK and Germany. She's also a director at Infrastructure Design Solutions, a global specialist in ICT & Telecom design.

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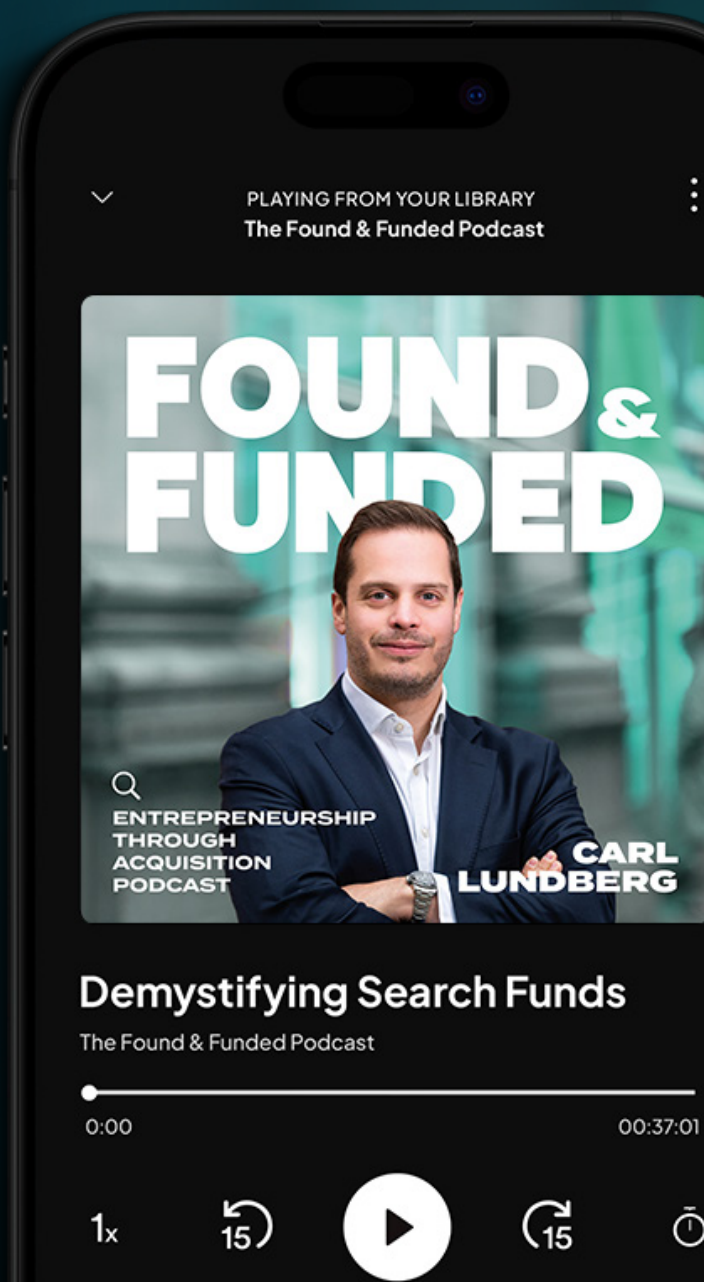








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