Crowdfunding on the menu for hospitality tech disruptor

Hospitality tech disruptor <u>ePOS</u>

<u>Hybrid</u> is aiming to raise £500,000

in its second seed funding round which will underpin its aggressive future expansion.

The leading technology specialist, with offices in Edinburgh and London, has seen impressive demand from investors previously, achieving 145% overfunding in its first funding round, smashing its original £250,000 target.

Andrew Gibbon, Head of Growth at ePOS Hybrid, said: "The advances we have made since our last crowdfunding success are game changing and our second round is already highly-anticipated, with overwhelming demand already being seen from both existing and new investors.

"From our discussions with key investors over the past six months, no one wants to miss out, it seems that everyone is really excited to be part of our next round. However, this also represents a great opportunity for interested members of the public who missed out on our first round, to join us on our exciting journey as we begin scaling internationally."

He added that the crowdfunding opportunity will go live on the renowned Crowdcube platform in early May and is likely to quickly become oversubscribed.

Founded in Edinburgh by computer science graduate and serial entrepreneur Bhas Kalangi, ePOS Hybrid offers a suite of

fully-connected point-of-sale, fintech and digital ordering solutions for hospitality businesses of all sizes.

The firm's technology can automate a bar, restaurant or takeaway's operations and streamline everything from customer ordering to stock control and kitchen management.

Its various plug and play elements, including point of sale (POS), operations management and digital ordering solutions, all work together seamlessly on a single platform. That enables clients to create new sales channels, increase efficiency and drastically reduce the commissions paid to third parties, like food delivery services.

Andrew added: "In fact, in the past two years we have helped hospitality businesses to save more than £1.7m in third party commissions, which they tell us is one of the most important benefits to them.

"However, that is just one of the milestones we have achieved since our last funding round, despite the well documented challenges the hospitality sector has had to deal with during that time.

"In the past 24 months our platform has also processed more than £94 million for UK businesses, a 2000% increase since our last investment round.

"We've also generated a 400% increase in our customer base, and are now in over 890 UK locations processing more than £6.7 million in sales per month. Meanwhile, more than 7.5 million consumers have used our products to order a meal or buy a round of drinks.

"It is these kind of performance figures which make us such an appealing investment and which gives us confidence that we'll see strong demand in this funding round."

The firm has a number of exciting new products in development

and scheduled to launch in the months ahead. The secured investment will enable ePOS Hybrid to roll out its tech to more businesses in the UK, support international expansion into new territories such as India and enable further innovation.

Andrew added: "We have a number of key growth areas within the business which represent massive scaling opportunities for us. This new funding will allow us to take advantage of these and drive the business towards achieving our targeted 10x growth over the next two years."

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