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Muslim.com is one of Europe's fastest growing dotcoms

LONDON: A Muslim equivalent of Yahoo, Facebook and Youtube has been recognised as one of Europe's best tech start-ups by a leading American technology magazine.

Internet phenomenon Muxlim.com has been selected as one of Europe's most successful new businesses by California-based Red Herring a media company dedicated to business innovation and technology.

Muxlim.com was launched in 2006 by two Scandinavian-based entrepreneurs, with the objective of creating the most popular Muslim social media website in the world. Within a year that dream was realized and Muxlim.com

attracted more than a million users from 190 countries across the globe.

Founder and CEO Mohamed El-Fatraty commented: The recognition of Muxlim.com as one of Europe's most innovative and successful companies is a great honour for both the company and the Muslim community.

Our objective was to create an online environment where Muslims and non-Muslims can enjoy social media in a safe and friendly atmosphere.

The growth of Internet use has been raising concerns amongst parents. A recent survey by the UK London School of Economics (LSE), entitled EU Kids Online, discovered that more than 60%

of British children have been accidentally exposed to adult material online. The figure for American children was also significant at 42%.

El-Fatraty commented: We know that a huge number of Internet users, in particular parents, want access to an online experience that does not expose people to vulgarity, offensive content, and adult material.

At the same time its vital that social media is engaging, user-friendly and fun. Muxlim.com achieves all this, and we have attracted a vibrant and friendly community with a welcoming demeanor and a sense of humour.

El-Fatraty explains: As all social me-

dia websites, we are continuously improving the services available to our users, and recently launched Muxlim TV which allows our users to create their own online TV channel by uploading and sharing their videos.

Our community has been very active in helping the moderation team ensure that uploaded content is appropriate for users of all ages.

And within the next few weeks we will introduce My Muxlim, the first Muslim personalized-homepage and social networking service based on the Google OpenSocial platform, which allows users to add thousands of apps from different sites to their Muxlim.com profiles.