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## Respected IT leader receives honorary doctorate

Brisbane businessman John Puttick is the latest to be honoured with an honorary doctorate from Queensland University of Technology (QUT).

With a career spanning 35 years in business and computing, Mr Puttick is the founder and chairman of GBST Holdings Ltd.

He has built the company from a general software house into an award-winning developer of IT solutions for the finance, banking and securities industries.

The company's flagship product Shares processes up to half of all trades on the Australian Stock Exchange valued at \$1.5billion each day - it also supports processing in New Zealand and Hong Kong.

Mr Puttick has played an active role in the establishment, development and advancement of Information Technology education at QUT.

He has also shown a commitment to student mentorship, serving as Chair of the IT Faculty's Advisory Committee.

John Puttick will receive his honorary doctorate at the Queensland Performing Arts Centre (QPAC) on Tuesday, February 6 at 6:30pm.

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**\*A photo of John Puttick is available for media use\***