

Shortlist is revealed for annual Chamber dinner and awards



The awards judges

By Dan Harrison

A record number of businesses are chasing glory in the awards to be presented at the Greater Birmingham Chambers of Commerce's annual dinner on Thursday 11 April.

Seventy-nine businesses have been shortlisted for the 10 sector awards.

The Business of the Year will be selected from the winners of the sector categories and announced at the ICC in Birmingham.

Russell Jeans, chairman of the judges and chief operating officer at the GBCC, said: "Once again the huge number of entries demonstrates the diversity of businesses across the Greater Birmingham area. The high number of entries for this award show that there are so many vibrant businesses operating in the retail sector, even though the high-street has been experiencing a difficult

time. Our judges commented on the high calibre of entries and the Chamber thanks them for their diligence and enthusiasm in tackling what became a huge task."

HSBC, Birmingham City University and Elonex are headline sponsors of the dinner and awards. The event host is Heart Breakfast presenter Ed James.

The judging panel was: Russell Jeans, chair; Jo Birch, Birmingham City University; Dee Kundi, VWV; Ravinder Masih, Warwickshire County Cricket Club; Zo Hoida, Browne Jacobson; and Martin Levermore, Medical Devices Technology International.

The drinks reception sponsor for the dinner is Qatar Airways, while Pinkprint is the print sponsor and Turkish Airlines is the airline sponsor.

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Shortlisted companies:

Excellence in the Community

- Birmingham St Marys Hospice
- Douglas Wright T/A McDonalds
- Edwards Trust
- Hilton at St Georges Park
- Innovating Minds CIC
- National Memorial Arboretum
- SUEZ UK
- Your Trust Charity

Excellence in People Development

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- CIPD
- Crown Highways
- Curium Solutions Limited
- Digital Glue
- National Express
- RSSII Infrastructure Ltd
- Taylor Herrick Recruitment
- Trowers & Hamlins LLP

Excellence in Customer Service

- Handle Kingdom Ltd
- NEC Group
- Birmingham Airport
- Conference Aston
- Birmingham Telecom
- Oxbridge Home Learning
- Open Study College
- The Alexandra

Excellence in Sales & Marketing

- Amplify
- Ark Media
- EIB Professional Services
- Lightbox Digital
- Liquid
- Millennium Point
- National Express
- Notepad

Excellence in Hospitality

- Conference Aston
- Hagley Hall
- Prodrift Academy UK
- The Edgbaston
- Millennium Point
- Hotel Du Vin Birmingham
- Park Regis Birmingham
- Hilton Garden Inn

Excellence in Technology & Innovation

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- Ark Media
- Birmingham Women's and Children's NHS
- MET Cloud
- RSSII Infrastructure Ltd
- STEAMhouse - Birmingham City University
- TerraQuest Solutions Ltd
- University of Birmingham
- Wheely Safe Ltd

Excellence in International Business

Sponsored by Aston University

- AFL Architects
- Celsium, powered by Brunel
- KMB Shipping
- PECS Data Services
- Prescient Business Consulting Ltd
- Team Telemarketing
- Uniq Tech Ltd

Excellence in Training & Education

- Amey
- Close Brothers Asset Management
- Hired @ UCB (Employability Department)
- Innovating Minds CIC
- Kingsmead School
- Services For Education
- Oxbridge Home Learning
- RMF Construction Training Academy

Excellence in Manufacturing

Sponsored by Birmingham Airport

- Andel Plastics
- Bromford Industries
- Evac+Chair International
- KEP Print Group
- Power Minerals
- Rotospa
- Summit Patternmaking Co Ltd

Excellence in Retail

- Floral Jazz
- Loki Wine
- Selfridges
- South Guys
- Specsavers
- The Window Centre
- Touchwood
- Travel Club Elite
- United Carpets



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