

## Chamber Business Awards to showcase best of British business for 14<sup>th</sup> year running

Businesses from across the UK are invited to compete in the fourteenth annual Chamber Business Awards – hosted by the British Chambers of Commerce (BCC).

The prestigious competition is one of the showpiece events in the business calendar, recognising and promoting the best of British business through a series of regional heats, culminating in a Gala Awards Dinner, which will take place at the Brewery, London on 30 November.

Entries open on Monday 13 March and will run until Friday 30 June. This year's Awards are being launched at the London Stock Exchange, where last year's winner of Business of the Year, Scientifica, have won the special honour of opening the Exchange as a prize. Next year's winners will have the same chance to do so, a rare opportunity for a private business.

Companies can enter nine categories, covering exports, small business, people development, technology, high-growth, customer service, partnerships with the education sector, social media, and health and wellbeing.

## Francis Martin, President of the British Chambers of Commerce said:

"Businesses are the driving force of the UK economy, creating jobs, growth and prosperity, and helping Britain to maintain its reputation internationally. This is exactly why it is important for us to recognise and celebrate the contribution they make to their local communities and the wider economy.

"The broad spread of categories in the Chamber Business Awards reflects both the diversity of industries and skills of British firms, and the range of achievements and projects that they have been involved with.

"Each time I visit Chamber member businesses, it is inspiring to see so many companies finding innovative ways to grow their business in every corner of the UK. The Awards acknowledge the relentless efforts of these businesses and their talented employees."

## Adrian Corbin of Scientifica, Winner of the 'Business of the Year' award last year, said:

"Everyone at Scientifica is incredibly proud that the company won Business of the Year at the Chamber Business Awards 2016. It is an enormous achievement and a fitting testimony to all the hard work that has gone into creating such a great company.

"We are at the forefront of high-tech British manufacturing, exporting our products to more than forty countries worldwide. We employ a highly-educated and international workforce who are all committed to producing

innovative products to help further neuroscience research, and the winning of this award will undoubtedly help us expand into even more markets around the world."

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