

# Belfast Telegraph Business Awards 2017 showcase cream of Northern Ireland talent

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*Conleth McConville, Gary Annett, Brian McConville and Naoimh McConville from MJM Marine were presented with the Outstanding Business of the Year award by Richard Donnan, Ulster Bank Head of Northern Ireland and Leslie Buckley, chair of Independent News & Media Group. Photo by Kelvin Boyes / Press Eye.*

The Belfast Telegraph Business Awards, in partnership with Ulster Bank, have taken place at a glittering ceremony at the Crowne Plaza Hotel.

The awards, which are now in their 15th year, saw three new categories including IT Company or Team of the Year, Emerging Business/Start-Up of the Year and SME Healthcare Business of the Year.

The overall winner of the night was Newry-based fit-out firm MJM Marine, which also won the Excellence in Exporting award, while other winners

included the Irish Football Association, The Progressive Building Society, Spar NI and IT firm Novosco.

Meanwhile Janet McCollum, Chief Executive of Moy Park, received the Lifetime Achievement award.

## **Full list of winners**

The list of 2017 winners is:

1. Excellence in Marketing: **Irish Football Association**
2. Excellence in Exporting: **MJM Marine**
3. Excellence in the Development of Management and Leadership: **The Progressive Building Society**
4. Excellence in Innovation: **Oaktree Children's Nursery and Thales UK**
5. Best Use of Digital and/or Social Media: **SPAR NI**
6. Young Business person of the Year: **Jack Hamilton, Mash Direct**
7. IT Company or Team of the year: **Novosco**
8. Emerging Business/Start-Up of the Year: **EquiNutritive**
9. SME Healthcare Business of the Year: **GCRM-Belfast**
10. Best Small/Medium Business: **M&M Contractors**
11. Excellence in Corporate Social Responsibility: **Henry Brothers**

Special judges' awards:

1. Lifetime Achievement Award: **Janet McCollum, Moy Park**
2. Overall Business of the Year sponsored by Ulster Bank: **MJM Marine**

## **Our esteemed judging panel:**

The judging panel for this year was chaired by economist Professor John Simpson, who was joined by:

- Richard Donnan, head of Northern Ireland, Ulster Bank
- Ann McGregor, chief executive, NI Chamber of Commerce and Industry
- Dr Joanne Stuart, director of development, Catalyst-Inc
- Professor Mark Durkin, executive dean, Business School at Ulster University
- Siobhan Lyons, head of business development, Belfast Metropolitan College
- Jackie Henry, senior partner, Deloitte
- Paul Terrington, NI regional chairman, PwC
- Colin Stutt, Social Enterprise specialist

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