**Manufacturing Business of the Year**

The Gatwick Diamond is one of the strongest regional economies within the UK. It has key sector strengths in manufacturing, with companies that are thriving, innovating and competing locally and globally. The sector confronts many challenges, particularly within a rapidly changing and increasingly uncertain economy, but continues to remain competitive, sustainable and future-focused. These businesses are championed in the Manufacturing Business of the Year Award for bringing wealth-creating, job-generating success to the region.

**Entry criteria**

The 2017 Manufacturing Business of the Year category is open to any company, irrespective of size. The company must have a manufacturing operation being undertaken in the Gatwick Diamond region (this can include food and print production). Please visit the [GDBA website](http://www.gatwickdiamondbusinessawards.com/) for further entry criteria details.

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| Contact name |  |
| Position |  |
| Company |  |
| Address |  |
| Post code |  |
| Telephone |  |
| E-mail |  |
| Website |  |
| No. of employees |  |
| Latest Turnover |  |
| Legal status of company |  |
| Year company started trading |  |

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|  |  | Score/Judges Comment |
| Name of the business or organisation that is being nominated |  | |
| Please provide a brief history and description of your business, the product(s) it manufactures, its customers and the markets that it operates in. |  |  |
| Please outline the trends in your business’s turnover and profit levels together with a brief description of the key events that have contributed to these over the past 2 years. |  |  |
| Give examples where you have improved quality, cost and delivery in a way that has contributed positively to your manufacturing performance in the last year. |  |  |
| Explain how your people are involved in continuous improvement and describe the processes, tools and techniques used. |  |  |
| Please explain how your business works with and develops its suppliers. What steps are taken to optimise performance, reduce waste and improve quality across the supply chain? |  |  |
| How does your business demonstrate its concern for, and protection of, the environment and the local community through its policies or credentials? Give evidence or examples including how these have contributed positively to your business performance. |  |  |
| And finally, why do you think you should win the Manufacturing Business of the Year award? |  |  |

You may like to attach documents or other files to support your entry. This could be testimonial, literature, photographs or plans.

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| **Scoring (0-10) 10 being maximum score** | **Feedback** | |
| **Entry Form** |  |  | |
| **Visiting**  **(Reasons for not visiting)** |  |  | |
| **Commendation** |  | |  |