

## MEDIA RELEASE

# Winners of 'InBUSINESS Recognition Awards 2018' Announced

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The 2018 InBUSINESS Recognition Awards were celebrated yesterday for the 7<sup>th</sup> consecutive year at a gala luncheon ceremony in the prestigious Westin Hotel, Dublin. The Awards acknowledge outstanding accomplishments in the Irish business community. Winners are chosen across 20 categories, based on the broad criteria of business growth, profile of business, range of services and customer care.

Eversheds Sutherland were delighted to take home the top award, Company of the Year. Very strong growth across multiple practice areas, a thriving multi-disciplinary office in Belfast and increasing business access on both sides of the Atlantic helped Eversheds Sutherland to claim The 2018 InBUSINESS Recognition Awards' coveted title.

Commenting on their award, Partner, Alan Murphy said, *"We are delighted and honoured to receive this award. We know that we have something very special at our firm but to get this award is a very nice acknowledgement of the hard work of the firm on behalf of clients in 2018. It's a lovely way to cap off a great year"*.

Businessman of the Year was awarded to Ciaran Mulligan of Blue Insurance for his leadership as Managing Director of the company which he describes as 'unlike any other broker in the market'.

*"Our business motto is to offer simple, reliable, affordable & trustworthy insurance product and to treat all customers with respect and fairness."*

The Business Woman of the Year title was bestowed upon Catherine Moroney, Head of Business Banking at AIB, who commented:

*"I do believe there is no such thing as an 'individual award'. I work with a terrific team of people, both within AIB and in the wider business community, for example through my involvement with the committed people involved in Dublin Chamber of Commerce."*

Enterprise Ireland received the Semi-State Body Award and New Assurance took home the Special Merit Award on the day, a fitting commendation noting their 100th anniversary. Managing Director Michael Murphy was quick to highlight the value of this industry experience: *"We believe that companies that last 100 years are the ones that have understood what customers want, that address their needs and evolve appropriately with them over time"*

For more information and the full list of winners visit [www.inbusinessireland/awards](http://www.inbusinessireland/awards)

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For all media enquiries/imagery/interviews from the event, please contact Kathryn Doyle T: 01 432 2226 / E:[pr@ashville.com](mailto:pr@ashville.com). Images will be sent to picture desks after the event by photographer, Paul Sherwood.

**NOTES TO EDITOR:**

**InBUSINESS Recognition Awards 2018 Winners:**

**COMPANY OF THE YEAR**

Eversheds Sutherland

**TOURISM**

Fáilte Ireland - Ireland's Hidden Heartlands

**LIFE AND PENSIONS**

Zurich Life

**BUSINESSMAN OF THE YEAR**

Ciaran Mulligan, MD Blue Insurance

**BUSINESS BROADBAND**

Virgin Media

**EXECUTIVE RECRUITMENT**

Lincoln Executive Search

**AGENCY SUPPORT TO START-UPS/SMES**

Skillnet Ireland

**ACADEMIA COLLABORATION WITH INDUSTRY**

Trinity College

**SPECIAL MERIT AWARD**

New Ireland

**BUSINESS WOMAN OF THE YEAR**

Catherine Moroney, Head of AIB Business Banking

**ACCOUNTANCY FIRM**

KPMG

**FINANCIAL SERVICES**

GRENKE

**RETAIL EXCELLENCE**

Lloyds Pharmacy

**FLEET CAR**

Renault

**FINANCIAL AND BUSINESS ADVISORY FIRM**

RBK

**E-COMMERCE**

PayPal

**FINANCE PROVIDER TO MICRO BUSINESSES AND STARTUPS**

Microfinance Ireland

**SEMI-STATE BODY**

Enterprise Ireland

**COUNTY COUNCIL**

Fingal County Council

**OUTSTANDING ECONOMIC AGENCY TO IRISH BUSINESSES**

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**InBUSINESS Recognition Awards**

The InBUSINESS Recognition Awards aim to honor and celebrate success, achievement and ambition within Irish business and to acknowledge and appreciate the contributions of individuals to grow business in this country.

**InBUSINESS Magazine**

InBUSINESS, Ireland's leading business quarterly, is the official publication of Chambers Ireland produced and distributed by Ashville Media Group, Ireland's largest event and publication company. Chambers Ireland is Ireland's largest

business organisation with a network of Chambers of Commerce in every major town and region in the country.

InBUSINESS is one of the most established business titles and provides up-to-date information on current business issues, giving the inside track on the landscape of Irish business today and covers all sectors of the business community, aiming to inspire and inform business leaders and budding business professionals alike.

InBUSINESS magazine is made available to the Chamber Network and is also a shelf title, available in selected newsagents throughout Ireland and regularly features opinions from industry leaders on how Ireland competes globally.

### **Chambers Ireland**

Chambers Ireland is Ireland's largest business organisation with a network of Chambers of Commerce in every major town and region in the country. We facilitate the growth and development of the Irish chamber network and enable the chambers in the network to effectively promote the long term development of their locality on behalf of their members as well as working towards creating a better environment for business by lobbying the Government and other stakeholders on key policy issues.

Chambers Ireland's mission is to represent the interests of member companies; to promote business competitiveness in Ireland and to enable the development of the chamber movement throughout the island. Its main areas of activities are as follows:

- Lobbying Government on policy to create a better environment for business
- Supporting SMEs
- Facilitating trade
- Strengthening the Chamber Network