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Clifton Packaging Wins Company of the Year title at Business Awards.



Shahid Sheikh of Clifton Packaging Group, winner of Company of The Year

A business which grew from selling paper bags out of car boots to having an £18.5 million turnover was last night named the 2016 Leicester Mercury Business Awards Company of the Year.

Management from Clifton Packaging collected the accolade in front of almost 800 guest at a black tie ceremony at Leicester's Platinum Suite.

Clifton was picked as the best of the best, thanks to the comprehensive way it has met the demands of its client as it continues to grow.

Mainly focused on the food industry, the Meridian Business Park group's packaging has been used by some of the UK's biggest multi-nationals-including brewing giant SAB Miller, Renshaw Simply Melt and the weight Watchers brand.

The company – which employs 75 people – is run by respected businessman Shahid Sheikh, and was launched in 1981 after the family fled to the UK from Idi Amin's brutal regime in 1970s Uganda.

Janine Edwards, principal partner of St James's Place Wealth Management, led the Company of the Year judging team.

She said: "Picking from the finalists was extremely difficult."

They were all winners in different ways and all should be very proud to have made it as far as they did especially as Qualvis Print and Town and Country Petfoods had both entered for the first time.

"Clifton Packaging won overall as they were the perfect mix of success in their industry, growth, innovation, vision, employee engagement and development and community support."

The owner of Bruntingthorpe proving ground, C Walton, were named Small Business of the Year; Payment Assist was New Business of the Year; Tinku Durrani, of Universal Flexible Packaging, was Business Entrepreneur of the Year; and Narborough Hall won the Sales and Marketing Award.

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