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Origin Global announced as National Business Awards finalist

Origin Global has been shortlisted for The Growth Business of the Year for the 2014 National Business Awards. Family-run, High Wycombe-based Origin is a leading UK manufacturer of aluminium bi-folding doors and windows.

Going up against companies including DPD UK, Spencer Ogden and Myhomemove, amongst others, they will compete for the prestigious award, with the winner being revealed at the National Business Awards gala dinner held on November 11th at Park Lane's Grosvenor House Hotel in London.

Yvonne Quinn, Business Growth Programme, Cranfield School of Management, and judge for the category said: "Origin Global is a traditional business which has developed innovative systems and processes that enable it to offer its bespoke product with massively improved lead times. Great example of the power of leaner manufacturing processes to enable businesses to deliver robust growth and excellent profitability. This also provides a strong base to develop new export markets."

Neil Ginger, CEO, said: "We are delighted to be finalists for The Growth Business of the Year and that the judge recognised our achievements. We are very proud of the products we offer and our second-to-none service which, together with innovative manufacturing processes, have driven the impressive growth that has got us to these prestigious award finals."

Britain's leading businesses, business leaders and social enterprises have today been revealed as finalists for the 2014 National Business Awards. The finalists announced today represent categories including the Smith & Williamson Entrepreneur of the Year, Santander Small to Medium-Sized Business of the Year and the Inflexion International Growth Business of the Year. The Ashridge Business School Leader of the Year finalists and Decade of Excellence winner will be announced over the coming months, with the Duke of York New Entrepreneur of the Year finalists announced last month following a judging event in Liverpool.

This year's shortlisted businesses cover activities as diverse as retail, technology, men's grooming products, telecoms, construction, advertising, entertainment, and publishing. Of the businesses shortlisted, 24% turnover under £5m, 26% turnover between £5m and £25m, 15% over a billion and 10% not for profit organisations. The smallest business recognised has a turnover of just £23k with the largest reaching £20 billion. Finalists collectively employ over 850,000 people, the smallest has just one member of staff while the largest employs around 165,000 people globally.

Alex Evans, Programme Director of the National Business Awards, said: "The diversity and quality of this year's finalists have firmly established the National Business Awards as the talent scout for UK plc, with market leading household names recognised alongside the best emerging business brands.

With a variety of industries represented, these recovery-leading businesses have demonstrated the return on investment in people, innovation, customer service and leadership."

Finalists were chosen from the hundreds of businesses that entered or were nominated across 17 award categories. They will now prepare for live presentations to expert juries who will decide the overall winners that will be revealed at the awards ceremony on November 11th.

Visit www.nationalbusinessawards.co.uk for a full list of all finalists and to attend the event.



The National Business Awards supports The Prince's Trust, a charity that offers practical and financial support to young people who need it.

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