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SHORTLIST REVEALED

The successful finalists of the ek&bbusiness Awards & Review 2019 have been announced, with the winners set to be unveiled at a stunning and entertainment-packed ceremony in November.

Around 500 of the KBB industry's top professionals will be in attendance on the day, with a raft of festive entertainment in store alongside a delicious three-course meal and complimentary drinks. "We're thrilled to unveil this year's ek&bbusiness Awards shortlist," said ek&bbusiness publisher Darren Summerfield.

The awards' expert panel of judges – including British Institute of Kitchen Bedroom & Bathroom Installation (BiKBBi) CEO Damian Walters and BMA CEO Yvonne Orgill – will now help to choose the 14 winners in a thorough judging process.

"The number of entries across all the categories is even higher than last year – it's going to be a tough job for our esteemed panel of experts. Thank you to everyone who took the time to enter – let the judging commence!" added Summerfield.

UK fitted kitchen market exceeds £4.2bn

The UK fitted kitchen market "maintained a pattern of growth" in 2018, according to the 2019 edition of JKMR's Overview Report, allowing market size to exceed £4.2bn due to a 3% rise in product income at client buying price.

However, JKMR noted that value growth was "driven by product choice continuing its shift to more sophisticated options" in the independent and new-build sectors, alongside price rises driven by external factors – "not any meaningful growth in kitchen installations".

The report highlighted "considerable differences" in performance for major retailers, with Howdens performing well while other large retailers saw KBB sales decline. JKMR has forecast that the "traditional DIY multiples" in the overall fitted kitchen market will "continue to lose share to Wren".

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The 14 categories range from Star Appliance and Best Bathroom Innovation to Best PR Campaign and Distributor, plus the coveted Best Installer award. The accolades cover all parts of the KBB industry and aim to celebrate the achievements of companies and individuals across retail, manufacturing, installation, distribution, and PR.

Taking place on the 28th November at The Brewery in London, the ek&bbusiness Awards & Review 2019 will be a fantastic day of delicious food, complimentary drinks and a celebration of the industry, looking back over another year. The event will be presented by a star to-be-announced host and accompanied by first-class entertainment including the hilarious German stand-up comedian Henning Wehn – sponsored by Virtual World.

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In terms of independent retailers, the sector remains the single largest in terms of market value, but activity in terms of installation numbers declined in 2018, and is expected to fall further in 2019, JKMR noted.

The research firm added that while market value is expected to rise despite fewer installations, the pressure on margins is "likely to become intense". The report also provides an in-depth analysis of the outlook for the fitted kitchen market in 2020 in the face of current political and economic uncertainty.

» For further details on the 2019 edition of the Overview Report, contact JKMR. Tel: 07742 180 855 or email: jkbarber1965@live.co.uk



SPECIAL REPORT

POWER

Rotpunkt

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 The new Rotpunkt Power kitchen features industrial styling and is finished in a choice of Carbon, pictured here, or Snow powder coated lacquer. Lightening the mood of the dark colour scheme, the breakfast bar is finished in City Nature Oak, and is supported by an open frame which allows enough room for seating on both sides



MADOC AND SUTTON

Masterclass Kitchens

Tel: 01443 449 499. www.masterclasskitchens.co.uk
 A blend of different textures and materials always works to add personality to a design – here the Madoc range in Border Oak from Masterclass introduces a characterful and rustic look when paired with the smooth Sutton door in Dust Grey. A simple wooden breakfast bar overhanging the island unit introduces a multifunctional and social element



BESPOKE DESIGN

McCarron & Co

Tel: 0207 243 2315. www.mccarronandco.com

With this bespoke design, the client opted for Caesarstone Frosty Carrina quartz top on the island with mitred waterfall down stands to the floor. They were after a breakfast bar area with enough space for all the family to sit at, but not over 3000mm so that it could be created with one join-free piece of stone



Q&A

How do we use our kitchens?

72% of people cook a meal for members of their household every day

22% of kitchens can comfortably seat up to two people for a meal

39% can comfortably seat up to four people

2% of kitchens can comfortably seat up to 10 people

16% of kitchens have a breakfast bar with seating – this increases to 33% for kitchens installed in the past year

4% of kitchens are used as a business office space – this increases to 14% for kitchens installed in the past two years

8% of kitchens are used for school homework or college work – this increases to 19% for households with dependent children

*all figures taken from the Trend-Monitor Kitchen Behaviours & Product Usage Report 2019

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Keller Kitchens

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This design by Netherlands-based brand Keller Kitchens is inspired by the pared-back simplicity of

FORM

LochAnna Kitchens

Tel: 01204 328 720. www.lochannakitchens.co.uk
 The new Form range from LochAnna consists of four handleless designs that allow the designer flexibility to be creative. The Elswick collection, pictured in Graphite and Mala Gloss Graphite, comes in 27 colours, both Shaker and contemporary styles and elements of different heights. There the breakfast bar creates a discreet dining area at one side of an open-plan layout

