



Global Sourcing Association UK announces the Winners from the GSA UK Professional Awards 2017

The professionals and teams of the sourcing industry are recognised and celebrated by representatives of the global sourcing community.

On 11th May, the GSA UK's fifth annual Professional Awards were held in the Hilton Deansgate hotel in Manchester. The ceremony brought together more than 250 members of leading sourcing service providers, advisors and buyers. Best practice and innovation were rewarded and celebrated as the efforts of inspiring individuals and teams who have achieved outstanding success through sourcing in 2016/17 were duly recognised.

Kerry Hallard, CEO of the GSA UK, said – “The ongoing availability of skills is increasingly becoming a chief concern for those operating in the sourcing sector in the UK and beyond, as our industry is disrupted by new technologies and innovations. That’s why it is so encouraging to see such a competitive field in terms of submissions. Those who attended the awards ceremony were given the inside track on the people who work tirelessly behind the scenes to create value in the sourcing industry through consistent demonstration of best practice.

I’d like to congratulate all those who made the shortlist in the first place and, of course, the eventual category winners. This year we introduced an additional level in the judging process with the live presentations, which brought fabulous new insights to the judging process. I would like to extend my appreciation to everyone who attended the event and roundly applaud all those businesses who took part.”

The GSA UK Professional Awards 2017 Winners in full -

Rising Star of The Year - **Daisy Somerville, KPMG**

Manager of The Year – **Heather Crowe, Teleperformance**

Legal Advisor of The Year - **Charlotte Walker-Osborn, Eversheds Sutherland**

Consultant of The Year - **Danny Major, Thoughtonomy**

Automation Champion of The Year - **Andrew Burgess, AJBurgess**

Digital Champion of The Year - **Pascal Baker, Symphony Ventures**

Strategic Leader of The Year - **Joanna Page, KPMG**

GSA UK Student of The Year – **Aidan Green DipGSA, Met Office**

Excellence in Relationship Management - **Sykes and Bullitt**

Excellence in Transformation - **TCS and Large Financial Services Organisation**

Excellence in Outsourced Customer Service - **Capita & Zurich**

Excellence in Business Process Outsourcing - **EXL & British Gas**

Best Nearshore Team - **Scale Focus**

Best Far-Shore Team - **Teleperformance**

Award for Skills Development Programme of The Year – **Aviva**

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About the GSA The Global Outsourcing Association (GSA) is the industry association and professional body for the global sourcing industry, and home of the Global Sourcing Standard. Its overriding objective is the ongoing development and dissemination of the Standard and supporting portfolio of qualifications in order to improve the benefits from, and positive reputation and therefore size of, the global sourcing industry.

The GSA also serves to share best practice, trends and connections across the globe and to bring the global community together in a wholly interactive manner for the first time. The Global Sourcing Association UK, also known as GSA UK, was formerly known as the National Outsourcing Association in the UK.

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