



BIFM AWARDS

## Highly commended

Once again, the BIFM Awards celebrated the incredible work being done across our industry. Every person, team or organisation that claimed an award has done a fantastic job and deserves to be congratulated.

But the standard of entries was so high this year that some great people, organisations and project teams went home without the main prize, despite making a huge contribution to facilities management and the workplace. The Institute would like to take a moment to highlight some of these entries:

Firstly, to **Shiloh Johal** of Bellrock who was nominated for **Newcomer of the Year** and who impressed the judges with his passion and enthusiasm. It can still be difficult to attract young people into FM and Shiloh's enthusiasm will make him a fantastic ambassador for the industry.

Similar sentiments were expressed about **Marie Turner** from Livewest, who was considered for the **Manager of the Year Award**. All the judges agreed she deserved to be highly commended for what she has achieved and for showing real drive and the desire to deliver excellence in FM.

Moving on from individuals, even though they didn't scoop the **Team of the Year** prize, **Vinci Facilities** proved they deserved recognition for successfully running a contract for one of very few events management services supporting a fully active sports and events arena and the associated activities. The judges admired the scope and the drive needed to make this contract work.

### Companies with an impact

In more specific areas, **Skanska's Lift Your Wellbeing Programme** and **Manchester Metropolitan University** both deserve plaudits for their **Impact on Organisational Performance** and on **Employee Experience** respectively. Both organisations have taken huge strides to improve employee well-being.

**The International Commercial Centre, Kai Shing Management Services Limited**, has also made huge strides focusing on **environmental impact**.

The judges are sure that the centre's approach to delivering FM with environmental practices forming an integral part of service delivery will see the building boast a tenant retention rate that

will be the envy of many landlords.

The past year has also seen remarkable innovation. **BAM Facilities Management** has been highly commended for **Innovation in Technology and Systems**. In conjunction with Horus Sentinel, BAM has developed a device that is able to detect when equipment is operating outside its optimisation levels.

It remains in the prototype stages but the judges were convinced that, once implemented, it could be a real contender.

**Anyjunk** is another company that has all the potential to make an impact in the years to come. Highly commended for **Innovation in New Product or Service**, the judges said Anyjunk is a "business going places with great possibilities for the future".

Last, but by no means least, **CBRE Global Workplace Solutions** deserves to be recognised for **Innovation in Professional Development (Large Organisations)**. The team responded to a business need with an innovative approach to on-boarding staff on a large scale whilst retaining a personal touch, clearly impressing the judges along the way.

So congratulations to all of these invaluable members of our industry. If next year's contenders are of the same calibre, then the industry will be in a very healthy place indeed.