

## **Testimonials from Past Winners of Limerick Chamber Regional Business Awards**

### **The Limerick Strand Hotel - Best Retail & Hospitality Business Award 2014**

*"We are delighted to have received this award as it is a huge stamp of approval to have from the Limerick Chamber of Commerce community. The award would not be possible without the great service and dedication of our staff members. Our focus is to continue reinvesting while maintaining our high level of customer service and commitment to bringing business to Limerick and supporting local suppliers.*

*We have proudly displayed the award alongside the other national awards on our "wall of fame" in the hotel lobby. The award is visible across all of our online platforms and printed merchandise and most certainly gives us a competitive advantage and endorses our brand, putting us in a strong position with those making the important business placement decisions.*

*I would strongly recommend any local business who is considering entering these awards to do so, the associated PR and local recognition associated with this award is one to be very proud of."* Sean Lally – General Manager Limerick Strand Hotel

### **Samco – Winners of Overall Business of the Year Award 2013**

*"Samco are delighted with the recognition as Overall Award Winners 2013 and Exporter of the Year 2012 especially as an Agri based company. Winning these prestigious awards has definitely been of great benefit to Samco as our Business continues to grow.*

*We are very proud of our association with Limerick Chamber and boldly display both awards on the base of every email sent worldwide! Our award is continually mentioned in both the national and worldwide media coverage we've received over the past number of years.*

*Despite worldwide recognition of our SAMCO SYSTEM, we are extremely proud of our achievements in our own County."* Valerie Shine O'Kelly, Samco

### **Masterchefs Hospitality - Best Large Indigenous Business Award 2103**

*"Winning the Best Large Indigenous Company Award has given us National recognition outside of our own industry. This endorsement has been very important motivator and encouraged us to further expand in 2014.*

*It has given others confidence to do business with us and that has given us a competitive advantage.*

*I would certainly recommend to any company to enter as every finalist is a winner and the associated profile will strengthen your business.” Pat O’Sullivan, Masterchefs Hospitality*

### **Carambola Kidz - Winner of Best SME 2013**

*“Winning the Best SME in the Limerick Chamber Regional Business Awards has been fantastic for Carambola. It is one thing working hard believing you’re doing a good job and another thing entirely when your peers – people who understand what it takes – acknowledge that you are working hard and doing a good job. In competitive terms it sets Carambola head and shoulders above the rest of the field in our industry space. In company terms it gives the team, the staff, a reason to be proud of the work they have put in.*

*In my opinion the process of entering for the awards is as important as being shortlisted or winning. Entering the awards process forces entrepreneurs and managers to review their business critically and, win or lose, will provide in-depth information to the discerning leader as to any potential shortcomings. So whether you come away with an accolade or not, your understanding of your business will be enhanced.*

*Business is not a spectator sport. Get involved. Throw your hat in the ring. Enter your business. I guarantee you’ll get something out of the process. It might even be Best in Class!” Colm O’Brien, Carambola Kidz*

### **Matthew Stephens Jewellers - Best Retail & Hospitality Business Award 2013**

*“We have our trophy sitting proudly on our front window display for all to see. In many ways it’s a great independent referral - a recommendation and endorsement of the store for all to see which can only lead to greater entrustment from our customers and a help build a stronger brand. For us, it’s our stamp of quality assurance.*

*It’s a great honour to be acknowledged by the Limerick Chamber. It’s recognition for all the teams’ hard work over recent years and will certainly encourage us to continue to work even harder in the future.” Matthew Ryan, Matthew Stephens Jewellers*

### **Glass Lews - Best FDI Company Award 2013**

*“The regional business awards are a great way to raise the profile of your business in the locality, and create new linkages and visibility within the community that helps with recruitment, sales or supplier selection.” Mike O’Sullivan, Glass Lewis*

### **Action Point Technology Group – Best Technology Business 2012**

*“Action Point has grown its turnover by 74% and increased the headcount to 34 over the last year largely thanks to winning the Best Technology Business in 2012. The award has raised Action Point’s*

*profile across the Limerick region, enhanced the credibility of our business and demonstrated to our clients that we're the right company to partner with for all their Information Technology and Software Development requirements. Our staff are also enthused to be part of a growing, award winning company. Furthermore, winning the award has provided positive validation to the management team that we are doing the right things.*

*The Limerick Chamber Regional Business Awards offers prospective entrants an opportunity to showcase their products and services and I would strongly encourage all businesses to submit an application to the Awards.” David Jeffreys, Action Point*