
Irish Distillers crowned Cork Company of the Year

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Irish Distillers was crowned the 2020 Cork Company of the Year at Cork Chamber's annual dinner held in Cork City Hall last night.

In front of more than 1,000 leading industry and political figures, the Midleton based distillery picked up the award for driving the rebirth of Irish whiskey.

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Irish Distillers has grown massively over the past decade with employee numbers doubling to 240 people, with the company also seeing a 79 per cent increase on sales.

Accepting the award on behalf of Irish Distillers, Paul Wickham, general manager of Midleton Distilleries said: "We are truly honoured and humbled to receive the prestigious award of Cork Company of the Year. Led by Cork Chamber, our home county, where we have operated since 1825, is a vibrant, supportive and inspiring environment and is one of the best places in the world to do business.

"There has never been a more exciting time for Irish whiskey and today Jameson is one of Ireland's most recognised brands worldwide.

"This award is a tribute to the tireless dedication and excellence of all the craftsmen and women at Midleton and Dungourney, along with all the people who have worked with us through the centuries, whose hard work and passion has put us on the world stage."

Elsewhere, Workvivo picked up the award for Cork's Emerging Company of the Year 2020, while AnaBio was crowned Cork's SME Company of the Year 2020.

Cork Large Company of the Year 2020 was won by Crest Solutions, an engineering services provider to multinational life sciences clients in Ireland, UK, Europe and the US.

Run in association with Vodafone Ireland, the awards involve a thorough four-month judging process.

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