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H&K INTERNATIONAL RECOGNISED AS ONE OF IRELAND'S TOP 25 BEST MANAGED COMPANIES

H&K International has been recognised as one of Ireland's Best Managed Companies by Deloitte and Bank of Scotland (Ireland). This prestigious award honours companies operating at the highest levels of business performance.

The strength of the Deloitte Best Managed Awards program is in the rigour of the qualifying process where hundreds of applicants participate in an extensive and rigorous due diligence process to identify and assess each company's strategy, capability, commitment, financials and growth potential across all key functions of the business.

It is the 25 Best Managed companies that make it onto the final list and H&K International along with the other companies were recognised at an awards Gala dinner in the Ritz Carlton, Powerscourt, which was attended by President of Ireland, Mary McAleese, on the 27th February 2009.

Commenting on the award, David Bobbett, CEO, H&K International said: "We are extremely proud to have been recognised as one of the Best Managed Companies in Ireland. This award is a reflection of the considerable work that has gone into refining the vision and focus of the organisation, which ultimately has enhanced our competitiveness on the world stage. Our focus on planning and tight control over operations has created a lean organisation that is highly energised and performance driven. This achievement is ultimately about the 1,000 people that make up H&K International, about their pride and dedication to the business, competitive spirit but also of their confidence in the delivery of innovative new solutions that meet real business needs in the foodservice market.

This award is also very significant for our clients; it recognises the outstanding dedication and service commitment to them.

I would like to thank the whole team for driving us to this success and achievement."

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International History of Best Managed Companies Programme

The Best Managed Companies Programme originated in Canada in 1993, where it has been run successfully ever since and is the country's leading business awards programme. Ireland is the third country to run the programme following the launch of the awards in The Netherlands in 2007.