

Special Achievement Award

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Winner The Kbsa

We've always been mindful that this award is not just open to individuals. It can, and should, recognise any special achievement that has had a positive and long lasting impact on the kitchen, bedroom and bathroom industry. That ethos can apply to people, of course, but it can also apply to organisations, companies or initiatives.

And if these awards set out to reward the very best of independent kitchen and bathroom retail and design, the 2018 Special Achievement recipient is an organisation that has represented the interests of that sector for an incredible 40 years this year.

The Kbsa – or Kitchen Bathroom Bedroom Specialists Association – is still by far the biggest industry body for retailers and has doggedly persevered through good times and bad without losing sight of who its core membership is and what values they need to uphold.

This award is not just for reaching a hugely impressive milestone, however, it is for its current return to form after several years of struggle. It may be in its 40th year but it is demonstrating a new vibrancy, energy and willingness to change and evolve to reflect the current market and needs of its growing membership.

"We are absolutely stunned and delighted to receive this award," says Kbsa national chair Richard Hibbert. "It is an honour that the Kbsa has been recognised in this way, by the industry, in our 40th year.

"It really is a collective award for all our members and reflects the efforts of those that have dedicated so much energy and passion to the Kbsa over the last 40 years.

"We have a very exciting year planned to celebrate our 40th anniversary and there has never been a better time to be a Kbsa member. We are confident that 2018 will be a good year for Kbsa, the only UK trade association truly representing the independent retail sector of the KBB industry."



L-R Host Miles Jupp, KBSA chairman Richard Hibbert, Hansgrohe managing director Martin Mongan and Taylist Media managing editor Andrew Davies

