

JOHNSTONS OF ELGIN WINS FIFTH AWARD OF THE YEAR AT WALPOLE AWARDS

21 NOVEMBER 2017: Johnstons of Elgin are pleased to announce that the brand has been awarded the prestigious accolade for Commitment to British Manufacturing, accepted last night at the annual Walpole British Luxury Awards, held at The Dorchester in London.

The Walpole British Luxury Awards celebrate the best high-end products and services from an eclectic range of British businesses from fashion, fragrance and fine jewellery to hotels and automobiles. Winners of the awards are selected by an esteemed panel of industry experts and led by Michael Ward, Chairman of Walpole and Helen Brocklebank, Walpole CEO.

This year's event was hosted by Catherine Zeta-Jones, CBE who presented the award alongside Patrick Grant. Both congratulated Simon Cotton, CEO at Johnstons of Elgin who accepted the award on behalf of the company. He said:

"I am delighted to receive this award as recognition for the one thousand craftsmen and other team members, who produce some of the world's most beautiful clothing items for the world's most discerning customers. Johnstons of Elgin have been manufacturing in the United Kingdom for 220 years, with every product woven or knitted in our own mills in Scotland."

Nominees for the award included McLaren, Mulberry, Private White V.C. and Savoir Beds, with other winners on the night including Gucci, Bentley, and Jaguar LandRover.

Having previously won awards for Made In Scotland and Borders Business Excellence for Manufacturer & Exporter earlier this year, the Walpole British Luxury Awards Commitment to British Manufacturing makes this the brand's fifth award of the year.

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JOHNSTONS OF ELGIN

In the two centuries following its establishment in 1797, Johnstons of Elgin has been owned by just two families – the Johnstons and the Harrisons. It is one of the last few remaining vertical mills in the UK that still process the raw cashmere and fine woollen fibres right through to the finished product.

Johnstons of Elgin's mills in Elgin and Hawick employ almost 1000 people.