



Chris Fower, from Fischer Panda UK, receives the Young Business Person Award at the 2018 British Marine Trades Association Awards dinner

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## Fischer Panda UK: Fischer Panda UK's Chris Fower Recognised at 2018 British Marine Trades Association Awards Dinner

Fischer Panda UK's Chris Fower received the Boating Business 'Young Business Person Award' at the 2018 British Marine Trades Association Awards dinner.

The Sales and Marketing Director collected the accolade in front of about 100 members and industry colleagues at the annual BMTA gala dinner, held in association with Boating Business, in Canary Wharf at The Pearson Room on Wednesday, 10 January following the first day of the London Boat Show.

Chris joined the Verwood-based diesel generator specialists in July 2014 as the Marine Sales and Marketing Manager and now oversees all sales and marketing activity at Fischer Panda UK, mainly focusing on the company's core marine market. He was singled out for the award following his efforts to continue to develop and grow the business during a very successful 2017.

Chris said: "It is an honour to receive this award and to be named as one of the winners alongside some of the most prominent and successful personalities and companies in the industry. As a company, Fischer Panda UK is dedicated to maintaining improvement across the business and our success reflects the hard work of our entire team. We will continue to strive to provide our customers with the highest levels of performance and satisfaction by focusing on our quality of management and internal processes, as well as continually enhancing and innovating our product range."

In 2017, leading distributor Fischer Panda UK expanded its sales team, launched new generator models and enhanced its range of watermakers. The company also added the Bellmarine brand to its portfolio of electric drive systems and was also named as a distributor for digital switching specialist CZone. Fischer Panda UK was this year among the first companies to achieve ISO 9001:2015 certification, an internationally-recognised standard for quality management systems.

Paying tribute to Chris, Editor at Boating Business, Katina Read, said: "Chris has worked tremendously hard to take the Fischer Panda UK company forwards. He's shown a lot of foresight and enthusiasm and is a great representative of the industry."

At the 2018 BMTA Awards, British Marine group associations, British Marine Trades Association and British Marine Leisure Boating had a combined five awards on offer, with industry publication Boating Business issuing another five on the night.

British Marine Trades Association Chairman, Paul Martin, stated: "This was

another highly successful dinner that was completely sold out and very well supported.”

The British Marine Trades Association Awards and Dinner was sponsored by Boating Business, PSP Marine, C-Quip, Marine Resources, A-Plan, Ocean Safety, Aquafax and Boatshed.

The full list of awards are available here:

<https://www.britishmarine.co.uk/News/2018/January/Marine-companies-honoured-at-British-Marine-Trades-Association-Awards-dinner>

Fischer Panda UK offers full-system design capability, servicing and aftercare for a variety of commercial and leisure vessels. Visit [www.fischerpanda.co.uk](http://www.fischerpanda.co.uk) for more information about Fischer Panda’s range of marine generators and other products.

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## **About Fischer Panda UK**

Fischer Panda UK Ltd offers full-system design capability, servicing and aftercare as a leading distributor of diesel generators and a major supplier of the latest technology in air-conditioning systems, hybrid electric propulsion systems, integrated mobile power solutions and watermakers for a variety of commercial and leisure vessels.

Renowned worldwide as innovative, reliable and extremely quiet, the extensive Fischer Panda range of compact diesel generators includes its next generation highly efficient and powerful variable speed iSeries-Generators. Other world-class products from Fischer Panda UK include desalination systems from Sea Recovery, HRO, and Village Marine, with models suitable for day-boats to warships and offshore platforms, plus air-conditioning systems from leading marine HVAC supplier Dometic.

Fischer Panda UK was among the first companies to achieve ISO UKAS 9000:2015 accreditation and operates from a purpose built 9,000 sq. ft facility in Verwood, Dorset. Its experienced engineers, sales and operational staff work with OEMs to develop integrated systems for custom vessels and offer specialist technical support and on-going aftercare to its customers.

Also active in the military and automotive sectors, the company works with UK MOD and other armies around the world providing solutions for specialist vehicle and land-based applications. Two thirds of Formula 1 mobile truck units install Fischer Panda generators, as do the BBC, Sky and many other mobile broadcasting vehicles.

Operating since 1977, Fischer Panda GmbH is headquartered in Paderborn, Germany. The Fischer Panda team covers more than 500 technicians and partners in over 90 countries worldwide.