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## A night of success

MORE than 460 news publishing industry executives, industry suppliers and guests attended the 13th annual Newspaper Awards, run in association with PJ and Fujifilm at London's Hilton on Park Lane on April 22.

It was a superb turnout and, said PJ editor and publisher Gary Cullum: "This many people, a near record number of Awards entries, with added value content and fantastic print quality, goes to show that it is not all doom and gloom ... We have invested

hugely and have a massive story to tell. It's time we dismissed the negativity and started talking up the industry again."

The black tie gala dinner was hosted by the brilliant comedian Michael McIntyre (pictured inset) and saw 20 prestigious glass Awards presented during the evening. News International scooped seven Awards and two commendations, while among the regional press winners, Cambridge Newspapers picked up two top trophies. PJ's Personality of the Year was NS and Newspaper Publishers

Association director David Newell for 25 years of outstanding achievement on behalf of the industry.

A charity prize draw, co-ordinated by Fujifilm, showed the caring face of the industry when it raised a staggering £9,000 for the Help for Heroes charity.

● For more on the night of success, see the Awards Winners Book and pages 11-13 - or visit the Awards website at [www.newspaperawards.co.uk](http://www.newspaperawards.co.uk) for all the pictures from the night

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## Smurfit Kappa installs new production line

SMURFIT Kappa is currently installing at its Kells factory what it claims will be the most sophisticated newspaper production line in Ireland. This includes a manroland Colorman XXL press and a Ferag mailroom line including a UTR pick-up station with TCP grippers, MultiStack stackers, and underwrap and SmartStrap facilities, as well as dispatch control and LineMaster systems.

"We produce a range of titles for News International and Associated Newspapers including *The Sun*, *Daily Mail*, *Sunday Times*, *The Times* and *Racing Post*," says Tom Mooney, chief executive of Smurfit Kappa's Print Division. "We thoroughly researched the market before making any investment decisions and we could see that there would be major benefits in having a similar press line to those now in operation at News International's

UK sites. This meant that we could visit their plants and see their Colorman XXL and Ferag mailing equipment in operation producing exactly the same titles as we would on our Colorman XXL.

"We also visited Ferag's headquarters in Switzerland and other plants where its systems were in use. There was no doubt in our minds that the Ferag mailroom systems are number one in the market in terms of quality, reliability, productivity and performance. In addition, as we already operate Ferag equipment here at Kells with our KBA presses, we have experience of the sound after sales support provided by Ferag and WRH Marketing UK. This is vital on such a large project".

The Colorman XXL triple wide press, the commissioning of which started last month, is capable of printing 288

tabloid pages or 144 broadsheet pages in full-colour running at up to 86,000 copies an hour in straight mode. From the press's two folders, the newspapers are taken by the UTR Universal conveyor to the MultiStack stackers which can handle up to 40 bundles a minute.

"Ferag's TPC grippers provide great flexibility in the way we can handle work coming out of the 4/7/7 folders on the Colorman XXL," says Mooney. "It is also relatively easy to expand the Ferag line by retrofitting additional facilities such as stitching and inserting should we wish to in the future.

"The installation of the Ferag equipment has gone smoothly and we're very pleased indeed with the way this work has been carried out. The entire line was completed several weeks ahead of schedule".



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