

Local Company Scoops Growth Award

There was something of a giant-killing act at the recent Newtownabbey Business Awards - Mallusk based Chilled and Frozen Foods Distributor 'Epicure Select Foods Ltd' carried off the prestigious Growth Business Award despite strong competition across several business sectors from much larger companies. The judges stated that Epicure was awarded the laurels because the company had 'bucked industry trends with its growth, done the simple things well, adopted a can-do attitude and has controlled costs well'. Epicure supplies the catering trade from the Five Star Hotel to the Coffee Shop, other customers include Schools, Hospitals and Specialised Caterers. Epicures range encompasses Meat, Poultry, Ready Meals, various Breads and Desserts, Seafood, Cheese, Butter and Pork Products. In the past two years the company has diversified from its original core range of Frozen Products by bringing in a Chilled Range, this part of the business now accounting for one fifth of sales. Epicure purchases 70% of its output locally, with 15% of goods sourced from the Republic and the remaining 15% bought on International Markets. In February 2009 the company was acquired outright by Dan Carlin (former MD Castlewood Farm Products). "This local award is a credit to our hardworking staff" commented Dan Carlin "our motto is 'We Invented Good Service' and we feel that our customers can readily say our response times are second to none".