

AUSTIN CELEBRATES SUCCESS AT CANCER RESEARCH UK'S ANNUAL BUSINESS AWARDS

The Austin Company is celebrating this week after being presented with a prestigious award for its charitable efforts at Cancer Research UK's second annual Business Supporters' Celebration Event.

The building consultants picked up the award for the '*Best Supplier*' at the event on Monday (28th April), which brought together many of the charity's business supporters to celebrate everyone's contribution, recognise the very best partnerships and to inspire future relationships.

Austin stood out in what was a very challenging award category for successfully project managing the building of a new high-class research facility on time and with savings of over £1 million, providing a state of the art facility which allows Cancer Research UK to expand its lifesaving research in the years to come.

Prakash Davda – Managing Director at The Austin Company said: “We're absolutely delighted to have won this award, especially with so many other strong contenders in the category. It's a real testament to everyone at Austin that we've had such an impact on the project and we're delighted that what we've achieved has made a real difference to Cancer Research UK.”

Harpal Kumar, Cancer Research UK's chief executive, was joined by TV presenter and Cancer Research UK supporter Gaby Roslin to present the Awards, which were held at the iconic Lloyds of London building in the City. He said: “I've been hugely impressed by the level of entries in this year's Awards. The dedication and innovation demonstrated by all our partners in the past year has made a real difference and, thanks to our work, more people are beating cancer than ever before.

“The Austin Company’s support means a lot to us and we’re thrilled that the partnership has flourished to such high levels. We’re looking forward to working even more closely with them again this year as we strive towards our shared vision of beating cancer.”

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The panel of judges was comprised of:

- **Victoria Pender** – Group Director, Government and Corporate Affairs, Network Rail
- **Janet Blake** – Head of Global CSR, BT
- **Glenn Poulter** – Co-CEO of Equities, Icap and active supporter of the Bobby Moore Fund
- **Alasdair Rankin** - Head of Operations, Science Operations and Funding, Cancer Research UK
- **Paul Farthing**- Director of High Value Relationships, Cancer Research UK. Paul was the non-voting chair of the judging panel

About Cancer Research UK

- Together with its partners and supporters, Cancer Research UK's vision is to beat cancer.
 - Cancer Research UK carries out world-class research to improve understanding of the disease and find out how to prevent, diagnose and treat different kinds of cancer.
 - Cancer Research UK ensures that its findings are used to improve the lives of all cancer patients.
 - Cancer Research UK helps people to understand cancer, the progress that is being made and the choices each person can make.
 - Cancer Research UK works in partnership with others to achieve the greatest impact in the global fight against cancer.

For further information about Cancer Research UK's work or to find out how to support the charity, please call 020 7121 6699 or visit www.cancerresearchuk.org.uk