

## Mayo company Portwest was shortlisted for Multinational Exporter of the Year

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The Irish Exporters Association today announces 59 companies shortlisted across 11 categories in the 17th Export Industry Awards. 11 Category winners and one overall Exporter of the Year will be announced at the annual black tie Awards Ceremony and Gala Dinner on Friday, November 17 at the Clayton Hotel Burlington Road, Dublin.

The Exporter of the Year will receive a pair of return Business Class flights from Dublin to anywhere on the Etihad Airways network, a special prize from Etihad Airways sponsor of the Exporter of the Year 2017. This is the IEA's flagship event with over 500 industry

professionals in attendance and will include a performance from Mario Rosenstock, Irish actor and comedian.

Speaking about the announcement, Simon McKeever, Chief Executive of the Irish Exporters Association said: "We are delighted to see more and more companies entering the Export Industry Awards. This year we received more unique applications than in previous years. Our Independent Judging Panel was particularly impressed with the competitiveness of the applications and the international opportunities companies from Ireland are winning. Not only did we receive a large number of new companies entering, we also received a large number of applications from past category winners and past shortlisted companies competing to retain title or win back their title."