Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year 2010

Manufacturing Entrepreneur of the Year

Awarded to: Michael Oliver

In June 2010, Michael Oliver was named the Manufacturing Entrepreneur of the Year for the North and Midlands. The judges commended the Oliver Valves chairman on his 'first-class business, built from scratch, debt-free and independent of the banks with a clear focus on values.' This was just the beginning of a string of award wins.



Growing Business Awards 2013

Export Champion of the Year

Awarded to: Oliver Valves

Oliver Valves was announced as Export Champion of the Year at the Growing Business Awards in October 2013 after impressing judges with 'astonishing overseas sales'. Judges said that the family-owned business had created a unique set of products and combines this with excellent customer service 'making it a worthy champion'.

Manchester Evening News Business of the Year 2010

£25m to £50m turnover category

Awarded to: Oliver Valves

In 2010, Oliver Valves became the 'worthy winner' of the Manchester Evening News Business of the Year in the £25m to £50m turnover category. Judges recognised the vision of Michael Oliver throughout the 30 years he built up the business and were also impressed by the company's strategic growth and expansion into a large number of international markets.



National Business Awards 2013

Growth Business of the Year category

Awarded to: Oliver Valves

Michael Oliver was honoured by the Royal Variety Club in November 2011 in recognition of his contribution to the growth of engineering, and to industry, in the North West. The Legend of Industry awards were launched in order to recognise unsung heroes and North West business owners.





North West Business Insider International Trade Awards 2011

Highly Commended in Manufacturing and Engineering

Awarded to: Oliver Valves

Oliver Valves was recognised in North West Business Insider magazine's International Trade Awards, which celebrate the export success of regional companies. We were heralded as being a major force in the oil and gas market globally and for being the largest privately-owned valve maker in Europe.



North West Business Insider International Trade Awards 2013

Lifetime Achievement Award

Awarded to: Michael Oliver

Michael Oliver was recognised for his huge contribution to manufacturing and engineering exporting at the North West Business Insider International Trade Awards in December 2013 with a Lifetime Achievement Award. Judges paid tribute to his business legacy, including creating a company in 1979 which has since sold more than 5 million valves in 80 countries worldwide.



TheBusinessDesk.com North West Business Masters Awards

2011 Michael Oliver shortlisted for North West Pride Award 2012 Oliver Valves named Exporter of the Year

In 2011, company founder and chairman Michael Oliver was shortlisted for the Pride Award – which recognises support for good causes at TheBusinessDesk.com North West's Business Masters ceremony. A year later, Oliver Valves was named Exporter of the Year, with managing director David Cornwell dedicating the accolade to loyal staff and declaring the business 'a great success story'.



Oliver Valves Award History

It has been a time of unprecedented growth and success for Oliver Valves as we continue to expand into new territories and grow sales year-on-year.

And with these achievements has come recognition from peers, industry groups – and even Her Majesty the Queen.
This is the story of our awards.

Macclesfield and Wilmslow Business Awards 2011

Design and Innovation Award

Awarded to: Oliver Valvetek

Oliver Valvetek, part of the Oliver Valves family of companies, impressed judges at the Macclesfield and Wilmslow Business Awards, who described the firm as an impressive business that has continued to succeed through design and innovation, while being unique in passing the latest global quality testing. Judges also commended the business on its fantastic contribution to the local area.



City and Guild Apprentice Champion Awards – regional round 2012

'Highly Commended' in the City and Guild Apprentice Champion of the Year category

Awarded to: Oliver Valves

In May 2012, Craig Robinson, an engineer at Oliver Valvetek, was highly commended in the North West heat of the National Apprentice Champion Awards. Craig joined Oliver Valvetek in 2002 as a school leaver and has since gone on to become a key part of the business by playing a lead role in valve design and mentoring junior employees.

Apprenticeships

)) Regional Awards 2012

The Royal Variety Club Awards 2011

Legend of Industry

Awarded to: Michael Oliver

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Cheshire Business Awards 2012

Business Person of Year

Awarded to: Michael Oliver

Michael Oliver was awarded the prestigious title of Business Person of the Year at the Cheshire Business Awards in 2012. On receiving the award, he commented that the success of Oliver Valves demonstrates what can be achieved 'with a can-do attitude and where impossible is not an option.'



The Queen's Awards for Enterprise 2012

International Trade category

Awarded to: Oliver Valvetek

In 2012, Oliver Valvetek was awarded the prestigious honour of the Queen's Award for Enterprise in the International Trade category, recognising its outstanding achievements in export sales growth. The Queen's Awards are considered among the top honours a UK business can win. Michael Oliver visited Buckingham Palace to accept the accolade on behalf of the company.



Manchester Evening News Business of the Year 2012

£50 to £100m turnover category

Awarded to: Oliver Valves

Having scooped the Manchester Evening News Business of the Year award in the £25m to £50m category in 2010, continued growth meant that Oliver Valves was eligible for entry into the higher £50m to £100m category two years later. Once again, the company triumphed at an event held at Manchester Town Hall.



The Sunday Times Profit Track 100 2012

Awarded to: Oliver Valvetek

Oliver Valvetek was named in the Sunday Times Profit Track 100 table after being recognised as one of the top 100 private companies with the fastest-growing profits from 2009 to 2012. Profit Track 100 is compiled annually as a guide to the UK's most successful non-public companies. Previous entrants have included JCB and Pets at Home.



The Sunday Times International Track 200 2013

Awarded to: Oliver Valves and Oliver Twinsafe

Oliver Valves and Oliver Twinsafe were named in the Sunday Times International Track 200 in April 2013, recognising the firms as two of Britain's leading mid-market private companies with fast-growing international sales. International Track 200 is a closely-watched measure of export success, with other businesses named including Cath Kidston and Specsavers.with managing director David Cornwell dedicating the accolade to loyal staff and declaring the business 'a great success story'.

