

SME printer of the year



Winner First 4 Print Finishing

It was a double first for First 4 Print Finishing – taking home the prize for SME Company of the Year at the first time of asking and being the first print finisher to win the SME prize at the PrintWeek Awards. The firm has gone from a four-man micro business four years

ago to employing 100 staff. All of which probably comes as no surprise to anyone who knows the company's energetic 28-year-old managing director David Nestor. The firm operates all day and can produce 10m promotional items per day for clients.

About First 4 Print Finishing

First 4 Print Finishing is the UK's fastest-growing print support services company offering finishing solutions to both UK and European print markets, having established a reputation for delivering quality and exceptional levels of service at a competitive price. Based in Lancashire, we offer substantial folding and saddle stitching capacity for small- to large-volume production runs. First 4 has the capability to produce 10m promotion items per day for many of the country's blue-chip businesses and financial institutions, often operating within stringent quality constraints and 'just-in-time' delivery schedules. In just seven years, First 4 has grown from four employees to nearly 80, operating 24 hours a day. Over recent years we have implemented a significant investment programme resulting in five saddle stitching lines, seven folding machines, all with state-of-the-art Palamides paper banding systems, and this year the formation of our miniature division offering miniature folding and stitching.

First 4 Print Finishing's history

First 4 opened its doors in October 2003 with one folder, one stitcher and one guillotine, organic year-on-year growth followed and the company moved, in 2006, to its new and current 3,250m² home. We are now one of the most technologically advanced finishing houses in the UK. Automation has been our main focus in recent years; First 4 is currently one of the UK's largest users of Palamides technology in the industry in the UK.

Award history

- 2009**
Winner Berforts Group
Commended KnowledgeCast
- 2008**
Winner Lick Group
Commended Pinstripe Group
- 2007**
Winner SV.Two
Commended Clear Packaging
- 2006**
Winner INC Direct
Commended Fox Print Services
- 2005**
Winner Kingfisher Print & Design
Commended Healeys
- 2004**
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Commended Paul Green Printing, The Production Company
- 2003**
Winner Bluetree Design & Print
Commended Rosehill Press, MGP Chromocraft
- 2002**
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