

Huaxing Glass founder Li Shenhua named Glass Person of the Year

Founder of Huaxing Glass, Li Shenhua, has been named 'Glass Person of the Year 2022' and the recipient of the 50th Phoenix Award in recognition of



Mr Li Shenhua, founder of Huaxing Glass.

his outstanding achievements in the glass industry and his leadership in pollution reduction in China.

Under Mr Li's leadership Huaxing has grown from a small glass factory to producing more than three million tons of container glass annually – about 16% of the country's total output. Today, the group runs 13 factories across China, comprising 34 glass furnaces and 167 production lines.

Mr Li served as Executive Chairman of China Daily Glass Association for several years and has won the China Light Industry Meritorious Enterprise Prize for six consecutive years.

Among the first to respond to the call to reduce industrial pollution in China, Mr Li's actions to transform Huaxing into green and environmentally-

friendly production units earned the company a 'Green Label Enterprise' title and set the benchmark of environmental protection in Guangdong Province for advanced energy-saving and safety production enterprises.

Mr Li also set up two national quality inspection centres in Central and Southern China to enhance the quality of the company's products and effectively promoted the rapid upgrading of product quality in the glass industry. Huaxing works with several academic organisations to carry out research and development cooperation, and the company conducts its own independent research and development for testing, design, installation, commissioning, operation guidance and personnel training.

According to the rules of the Phoenix Award Committee, Mr Li will receive his award from PAC 2022 Chairperson Kevin Lievre at a Banquet and Award Ceremony that will be conducted in China as soon as travel restrictions permit.

Mr Li was interviewed by *Glass Worldwide* in the March/April 2019 issue and a follow-up interview will feature in the next issue.

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Glass Focus Awards 2022 winners revealed

The winners of the Glass Focus Awards 2022 were unveiled last November at a black-tie dinner hosted at the Sefton Park Palm House in Liverpool, UK.

Companies from across the glass supply chain gathered to celebrate the International Year of Glass and the milestones of the previous 12 months at the event which saw Pilkington NSG crowned Company of the Year for the first time. The flat glass manufacturer also won the 'Health and Safety Action' award. Saint-Gobain Glass UK and Ardagh Glass Packaging were both double winners on the night: the former took home the 'Design of the year – flat glass' and 'Strengthening business through people' (sponsored by *Glass Worldwide*) awards, with the latter awarded the 'Sustainable practice' and 'Marketing impact' categories. Other winners included Beatson Clark's Dana Godfrey winning the 'Rising Star' award, Encirc securing the 'Innovative solution' prize and Stoelzle Flaconage's One Gin coming out on top in the 'Design of the year – container' award.

British Glass CEO Dave Dalton said: "It has been another testing year for the glass sector and while many of the problems we have faced still persist, it is a great pleasure to gather everybody together at the Glass Focus Awards again to celebrate all the achievements our great industry has accomplished."



Winners, sponsors and judges at the Glass Focus Awards 2022.

The full list of winners from the Glass Focus Awards 2022 were:

- **Design of the Year – container (sponsored by Packaging Innovations):** One Gin by Stoelzle Flaconage Ltd
- **Design of the year – flat (sponsored by Glass International):** The Spark by Saint-Gobain Glass UK
- **Innovative solution (sponsored by Glass Technology Services):** Cooling system improvements by Encirc
- **Health and safety action (sponsored by Grayling):** Vehicle and pedestrian GAP analysis tool by Pilkington NSG
- **Strengthening business through people (sponsored by Glass Worldwide):** Complex cold repair by Saint-Gobain Glass UK

- **Rising Star (sponsored by the Worshipful Company of Glass Sellers):** Dana Godfrey at Beatson Clark
 - **Marketing Impact (sponsored by awesome):** The Glass making process by Ardagh Glass Packaging
 - **Sustainable Practice (sponsored by Glass Futures):** Water saving initiative by Ardagh Glass Packaging
 - **British Glass Company of the Year:** Pilkington NSG
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The 'Strengthening business through people award' was presented to Saint-Gobain Glass UK by Dave Fordham of *Glass Worldwide* (award sponsor).