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# People at the Heart of Produce: Global Pacific UK Wins Fresh Awards Ethical Sustainability Honour

**Global Pacific UK has won Sustainability Excellence: Ethical at the FPC Fresh Awards 2026** for its work with growers and packhouses to improve conditions for workers across its international fruit supply chain.

The award was presented at JW Marriott Grosvenor House, London, on Friday 25 September. Over the past two years, Global Pacific UK has built a dedicated international sustainability team that works directly with its grower partners.

The team's visits go beyond audits. They provide opportunities to understand the challenges growers face, identify ethical risks and support lasting progress on human rights and wider sustainability issues. The judges also recognised the company's efforts to reduce food waste and carbon emissions and raise environmental standards.

The judges said: "Global Pacific UK is deserving of recognition because it is not simply responding to the sustainability agenda, rather it is actively raising the bar for responsible fresh produce sourcing. By applying high ethical standards across its entire fruit supply chain and investing in the necessary people, the group is driving genuine, long-term change."

Nigel Jenney, Chief Executive of the Fresh Produce Consortium, said: "Ethical sourcing depends on understanding what is happening on the ground and working with partners to make improvements that last. Global Pacific UK has invested in people who can build that trust with growers and help strengthen conditions for workers. Its approach shows the difference that sustained, practical engagement can make."

The other finalists were Azura Group, Beni Mellal Citrus, Unikem and Worldwide Fruit. Their entries highlighted different ways in which fresh produce businesses are putting people, communities and responsible sourcing at the centre of their work.

The Sustainability Excellence: Ethical award is sponsored by **Smurfit Westrock**. The FPC Fresh Awards celebrate achievement across the fresh produce, cut flower and plant industries and their global supply chains.

The Fresh Produce Consortium thanks the judges, sponsors and everyone who helped make this year's celebration possible. **Full details of every winner can be found in the Fresh Awards 2026 Winners' Brochure at fpcfreshawards.co.uk.**

## About the Fresh Produce Consortium

The Fresh Produce Consortium (FPC) is the UK trade association for the fresh produce, cut flower and plant industries. It represents businesses across the supply chain, champions their interests and brings the industry together through initiatives including the annual FPC Fresh Awards.