



THE QUEEN'S AWARDS
FOR ENTERPRISE:
INTERNATIONAL TRADE
2020

Peckham manufacturer Kaymet has been honoured with a Queen's Award for Enterprise in the International Trade category.

This 73 year old company is one of 220 organisations in the UK recognised this year with this prestigious award. 35 London businesses have received the award this year, of whom 4 are in SE London, two of those in Southwark borough.

This Royal recognition follows Kaymet's success increasing the number of countries exported to and achieving outstanding short-term international trade growth. Currently Kaymet export to around 40 nations, with their products stocked by more than 140 overseas re-sellers, and used by many hotels, restaurants and cafes beyond our shores. Over a 3 year period exports grew by 212% and last year they made-up 67% of the company's turnover. This complements a x3.5 expansion of all Kaymet's sales over the past 6 years.

News of the honour arrived at Kaymet in an uplifting email from the Queen's Awards Office stating:

"I am delighted to inform you that Her Majesty The Queen has approved the Prime Minister's recommendation that your company should receive a Queen's Award for Enterprise in the International Trade category this year. The Award is the most prestigious for UK businesses and this is a tremendous achievement. Your business now joins just over 7,000 UK enterprises which have received this Royal recognition since the Awards were established in 1965."

Kaymet Proprietor Mark Brearley had this to say:

"The landing of this award has cheered us up at this difficult time. We are so lucky to have a skilled team of local people, and this honour is shared by them all. We look forward to welcoming the Deputy Lord-Lieutenant for Southwark to our factory near the Old Kent Road before long, for a winner's presentation ceremony that is sure to make use of our classic trays and trolleys. As soon as crowds are safe again we will rustle one up to witness the hoisting of the blue and yellow Queen's Award flag above Kaymet Works, and it will be visible fluttering from far away over the Asda car park."

Kaymet General Manager Ken Schreiber commented:

"My late father Sydney, who launched Kaymet 73 years ago, would have been so proud to see the company receive this award. I am extremely happy that we are still thriving here in Peckham and sharing our wares with the world."

The Queen's Awards for Enterprise are the most esteemed business awards in the UK, first established in 1965.