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Effie Awards UK Announces 2018 Winners, Reveals Inaugural Grand Effie Winner

Aldi Stores and John Lewis tie as Effie UK's Marketers of the Year. adam&eveDDB earns recognition as Effie UK's Most Effective Agency. Lidl UK and TBWA\London's "How Lidl Grew A Lot" is named as the Effie UK's first Grand Effie winner.

LONDON (19 September 2018 / Updated 20 September 2018) -- Winners of the 2018 Effie Awards UK program were revealed tonight at the annual Effie Awards Gala in London. Since 1968, the Effie Awards have honoured marketing ideas that work, and now celebrate marketing effectiveness with 51 programs globally. Tonight's celebration marks the third year of the competition in the United Kingdom.

adam&eveDDB was named the Effie Awards UK Agency of the Year for its work with John Lewis, Marmite, and The Automobile Association, among other brands.

Aldi Stores and John Lewis tied for the title of Effie UK's Most Effective Marketer. Aldi and McCann Manchester took home a Gold and Silver Effie for its "How Aldi won Christmas with the help of a humble carrot" campaign. The team were also finalists in the David vs. Goliath category for "Aldi vs. Goliath (and his three brothers)."

John Lewis, with adam&eveDDB, was awarded two Golds: one for "Buster the Boxer: John Lewis' most effective Christmas ever" in the Retail category and another for its "The gift that keeps on giving: John Lewis at Christmas" campaign in the Sustained Success category (for efforts that have experienced sustained effectiveness for 3+ years). These special recognitions are based on Effie's standard point system, which recognises all companies credited on a finalist or winning campaign.

The Grand Effie winner (the most effective marketing communications effort of the year) was awarded to Lidl UK and TBWA\London, with contributing agencies Starcom and Ebiquity, for "How Lidl Grew A Lot." The winner was selected following much discussion and debate by a special jury, led by 2018 Jury Chair, Aline Santos, EVP, Global Marketing and Head of Diversity & Inclusion, at Unilever.

"Marketers are moving from assumptions to evidence, and they are doing so through data," noted Santos.

TBWA\London's Chief Strategy Officer, Anna Vogt, commented, "Winning the Grand Effie for shifting shoppers' perceptions is a real testament to the strength of our creative and strategic chops. We are incredibly proud of the work we have delivered for Lidl over the past 5 years."

The 2018 UK winners and finalists were celebrated at Plaisterers' Hall in London, with 14 cases moving on to become winners. Effies were also awarded to IKEA & Mother (Gold), Beano & Red Brick Road (Silver), McDonald's & Leo Burnett London (Silver), Yorkshire Tea & Lucky Generals (Bronze), Sainsbury's & AMV BBDO (Bronze), and Glasgow School of Art & J. Walter Thompson (Bronze).

"Winning an Effie Award is a great achievement, as it demonstrates the ability to link the business context and strategic idea with measurable results, ultimately delivering business and brand growth," said Traci Alford, President & CEO of Effie Worldwide. "Those being awarded in this year's Effie Awards UK program took risks that resonated with their audiences, and there is much to be learned from their success. Congratulations to all of this year's winning teams."

All of the 2018 UK winners and finalists will receive points towards their ranking in the 2019 Effie Index. Visit effieuk.org and effieindex.com for more information.

View the full list of 2018 Effie Awards UK winners [here](#).

About Effie Worldwide

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