



Ball Horticultural Company Recognized as a US Best Managed Company

Ball is a 5-time "gold" honoree in 2025 reaching this milestone sponsored by Deloitte Private and The Wall Street Journal.



WEST CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, May 14, 2025 — Ball Horticultural Company is proud to announce it has been selected as a 2025 **US Best Managed Company**. Sponsored by Deloitte Private* and *The Wall Street Journal*, the program recognizes outstanding private companies in the United States. The 2025 designees have demonstrated excellence in strategic planning and execution, a commitment to their people, as well as maintaining financial performance and governance.

"We are thrilled to receive this designation as a US Best Managed Company, and especially for our 'gold' status for 2025," says Ball Horticultural Company President Al Davidson. "This year we've reached a milestone 5-year honoree status, meaning our team of management has been consistently outstanding and recognized five years in a row."

Designees drove their businesses forward while remaining dedicated to their people and focusing on their customers. Advanced technology including AI took a center role for most of these companies, to create efficiencies and enhance the quality of products and experiences.

Applicants are evaluated and selected by a panel of external judges focused on assessing hallmarks of excellence in four key areas: strategy, ability to execute, corporate culture and governance/financial performance. They join a global ecosystem of honorees from more than 44 countries recognized by the Best Managed Companies program.

About the Best Managed Companies Program

The Best Managed Companies program is a mark of excellence for private companies. U.S. designees have revenues of at least \$250 million. Hundreds of private companies around the world have competed for this designation in their respective countries through a rigorous and independent process that evaluates four key criteria in their management skills and practices — strategy, execution, culture and governance/financials. U.S. program sponsors are Deloitte Private and The Wall Street Journal. For more information, visit

www.usbestmanagedcompanies.com.

About Ball Horticultural Company

Ball Horticultural Company is an internationally renowned breeder, producer and wholesale distributor of ornamental plants. A family-owned business since it was founded in 1905, Ball has introduced many innovative and award-winning varieties to the world of horticulture. The company has worldwide production, sales and marketing through its many subsidiaries on six continents. For further information, visit ballhort.com.