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Merit Brass Named IMARK Plumbing Supplier of the Year

Cleveland, OH April 28, 2026— Merit Brass is honored to announce that it has been named **IMARK Plumbing Supplier of the Year**, an award determined by a vote of the IMARK Plumbing membership. This distinction reflects the strong partnerships, service commitment, and trust Merit Brass has built with IMARK members across the PVF industry.

IMARK Plumbing, part of the IMARK Group, is a leading buying group serving independent distributors nationwide.

The Supplier of the Year award is one of IMARK's highest recognitions, as it is based entirely on direct feedback and voting from its distributor members.

The award was formally presented during the IMARK Plumbing Spring Meeting. Representing Merit Brass at the event were **Nathan Brown, Director of Strategic Accounts**, **Kevin Lipp, Director of Business Development**, and **Scott Weisman, Vice President of Sales**, who accepted the honor on behalf of the entire Merit Brass organization.



“We are incredibly proud and grateful to be recognized as IMARK Plumbing's Supplier of the Year,” said **Darren Hilliard, President of Merit Brass**. “Because this award is voted on by the membership, it carries special meaning. It validates our team's unwavering focus on service, reliability, and long-term partnership with IMARK distributors.”

Scott Weisman, Vice President of Sales, emphasized the collaborative nature of the achievement. “This recognition belongs to our customers and our internal teams who work every day to support them. IMARK members challenge us to be better partners, and we are honored that our efforts have earned their trust and their vote.”

According to **Kevin Lipp, Director of Business Development**, the award reflects Merit Brass' strategic commitment to the buying group. “IMARK Group represents many highly respected independent distributors across the industry. Being named Supplier of the Year is an honor and reinforces that our continued investments in inventory, product quality,



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and customer engagement are delivering meaningful value to our partners."

Merit Brass has long been a dedicated supplier partner to IMARK Plumbing, providing a broad portfolio of piping components & flow control devices backed by responsive service and national distribution capabilities.

"This award motivates us to continue raising the bar," Alan Lipp, CEO added. "We view this as both a tremendous honor and a responsibility to keep delivering best-in-class support to IMARK members."

About Merit Brass Co.

Merit has a rich history of offering the most comprehensive flow control and piping connection technology. Their goal is to make the Merit Experience for their customers seamless by bundling a complete line of consistent, high quality piping products, flow control devices and piping system solutions. Merit features a full range of stainless steel and brass pipe fittings, pipe nipples, pipe, pipe valves, pipe flanges, stainless & copper tubing, forged steel fittings and press technology known as MeritPress™, which includes carbon, copper, and stainless steel. Contact: Marketing Department mbmarketing@meritbrass.com (216) 261-9800.

About IMARK Plumbing

IMARK Plumbing is a member-owned buying group supporting independent plumbing and PVF distributors through strategic supplier partnerships, educational programs, and collaborative growth initiatives.