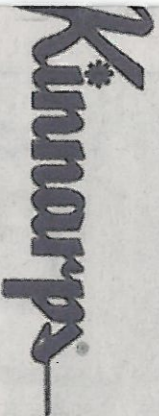




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BUSINESS AWARDS 2010

THE shortlist for the 2010 ROCCO awards have been announced and over the coming weeks we will be showcasing the nominees in all the categories.
Reporters JEwan McInnes, Jennifer Cauley and Julia Correia continues this week with the **Workforce Plus Employer of the Year Award** sponsored by Renfrewshire Workforce Plus. **Bowlplex, The Fair Trade Hub** and **KDS Group** are all in the running to win the prestigious accolade.
Companies Diageo, Kinnarps and The Scottish Leather Group are shortlisted for the Best **Environmental Performance Award** sponsored by William Tracey. The ROCCO awards takes place on **Friday November 12** at the **Normandy Hotel** in **Renfrew**. For more information about the awards or to book tickets please visit www.roccoawards.com

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KINNARPS

s the first Rocco nomination for Kinnarps, edish, family-owned workplace furniture list, with a new Local Business Centre and oom in Glasgow, which opened in July

n selecting your new desk chairs through nning your new office design, everything's d – right down to delivery, fitting and project ement. The Kinnarps Total Service Concept core of the companies program, giving cus- s peace of mind and time to focus on their ss. Kinnarps Head of Regional Business nd, Ray Phelan said: "What makes Kinnarps s is that we control our whole business start to finish, and so are able to assume nmental responsibility at every stage and s best practice: from sourcing sustainable aterials to developing greener production ns, and from reusing and recycling leftover als in our factories to minimising the carbon nt of our deliveries."

arpas provide interior workspace solutions ices and public environments. High qual- low environmental impact mark the entire workspace. This is Kinnarps's first Rocco ation and we entered because we are keen the local business community know about any ways that Kinnarps can help them to their environmental responsibilities, whilst g inspiring and ergonomically designed paces, said Mr. Phelan. The Rocco Awards hly prestigious and being short-listed in the ability category is a wonderful way to cel- our new home in Glasgow."

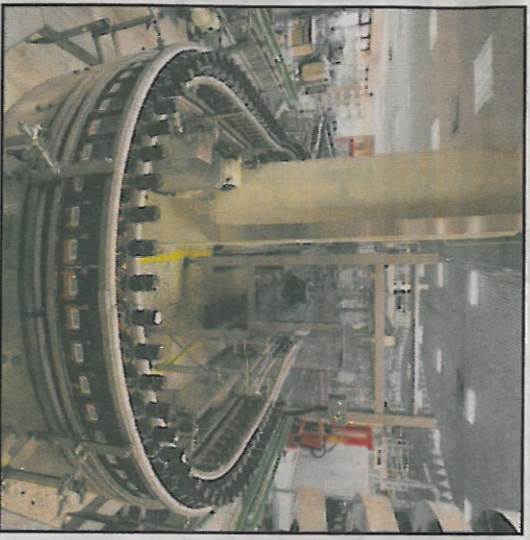
DIAGEO

SAVING the environment is all in a day's work for Diageo. That's why they're in the running for the Best Environmental Performance at this year's ROCCO awards. This nomination is the group's fourth in consecutive years - and they are delighted to have been selected as a candidate for the prize. Based in Renfrew Road, the company trade in almost 180 markets worldwide, and employ a workforce of 20,000 people. Diageo have a massive collection of popular international brands across spirits, wine and beer and are keen to introduce even more levels of environmentalism to their production line.

Alex Currie, Supply Team Leader at Diageo Shieldhall said: "We are delighted to have been shortlisted for the ROCCO Award for Best Environmental Performance for the 4th year running."

"It is recognition of Diageo's commitment to ensuring we operate our business in a responsible and sustainable manner. Developing innovative ways to minimise our impact on the environment is a key part of this and the enthusiasm and support employees here at Shieldhall have shown towards our green targets are key to our success."

"I believe that Diageo Shieldhall has shown great leadership and innovation in its approach to environmental sustainability. By targeting areas of energy, water use, transport and wastage we have been able to deliver great results, not only in our performance targets but also in the way we have engaged with our employees and had a real impact on the environmental footprint of everyone involved in our business."



BOWLPLEX



THE GREAT INDOORS



OVERCOMING barriers is all in a day's work for Bowlplex's staff. The Xscape-based family entertainment centre's commitment to inclusive employment has been recognised in the Workforce Plus Employer of the Year category at the Rocco awards.

The company has been working in partnership with various organisations - Enable Scotland, Open Futures, Paisley Partnership, Inspiring Scotland and Renfrewshire Workforce Plus for a couple of years to provide jobs for people, some with disabilities, who have difficulty finding and maintaining work.

Currently employing four people, out of a workforce of 33, who fit this category, manager David Rowan said "these employees have overcome barriers. We made adjustments to work tasks to make sure they were

happy and supported so they could continue in their jobs."

In their positions for between two and a half years and six months, Rowan thinks Bowlplex's staff prove that its worth 'going the extra mile' for employees. "Everyone is a part of the team and we couldn't run without any of them."

Everyone does a great job here. All our employees are treated exactly the same."

Rowan was 'gobsmacked' when he found out Bowlplex had been short-listed and the whole staff team were delighted. "I'm very happy our joint working has led to short-listing, that in itself is an achievement."

"We were urged by our partners at Open Futures to put ourselves forward. "We do this for the employees, but it would be fantastic to be recognised with a Rocco award."

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