

## Retail Excellence announce Supplier of the Year finalists

Retail Excellence, the largest retail industry representative organization in Ireland, has today announced the Top5 Supplier of the Year finalists. The list comprises suppliers in every aspect of retail services.

GSLS (Cash in Transit), JJ O'Toole Ltd (Packaging), MJ Flood Technology (Retail Technology), OCS Retail Support (Supply Chain Management Services) and Wolfgang Digital (Digital Marketing) have all made the final five suppliers in this year's awards.

The Top5 Finalists will be invited to a meeting with the judging panel in Dublin on the morning of the 18<sup>th</sup> October to showcase why they should be deserving winners of the Supplier of the Year Award. The expert judging panel will be made up of experienced retailers such as Darren Smith of Shannon Group PLC and JP Kennedy of TileStyle. The winner will be announced at a black-tie Awards banquet on Saturday, November 11<sup>th</sup> in the Malton Hotel, Killarney, County Kerry.

Commenting on the announcement of the finalists, Head of Commercial at Retail Excellence, Keelan Bourke said "There was a record entry in this year's Supplier of the Year Award and I'm delighted to see such a high standard of suppliers enter across a wide range of categories from packaging, digital marketing to retail technology and support services like stocktaking.

"The standards set by the Top5 finalists demonstrate and exemplify strategic services that actively increased the bottom line for Irish retailers. I would like to offer my sincere congratulations to the successful finalists who will now go forward to the next stage of the process when they meet with the judging panel in October".

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