



## **Ireland win bid to host prestigious Global Retail Council mid-year meeting 30 countries from 6 continents will meet in Dublin in May**

Retail Excellence, Ireland's largest retail representative body, have today confirmed that they have won the bid to host delegates from thirty countries across six continents at the mid-year meeting of the Global Retail Council.

Retail Excellence competed against Canada and Australia and were successful in their endeavours to host this prestigious meeting of international executives.

The Global Council will be hosted at Retail Excellence Annual Conference at the Retail Retreat at Citywest Hotel on May 15, 16 where 2000 retailers will congregate to learn from and be inspired by world class speakers and suppliers in the industry.

Commenting on the news David Fitzsimons said "This is a tremendous achievement for the Irish Retail industry and our nation. To host so many influential retail executives from around the world and profile some of the best retailing standards we deliver in Ireland is a significant opportunity and achievement. It is uplifting that Ireland has been selected to host the mid-year meeting".

National Retail Federation President and CEO Matthew Shay said "I am delighted that Ireland has been selected to host this important meeting. After attending the annual Retail Excellence conference last year, I am deeply aware of Ireland's thriving retail environment and I look forward to returning with colleagues from around the globe."

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### **About Retail Excellence**

Established in 1995, Retail Excellence is owned by the members, for the members. We are an organisation which invests in innovative and exciting learning, market intelligence, human resources services, Government representation and member networking initiatives. Retail Excellence has over 1,800 leading retail companies in Ireland. Our members are the most progressive and innovative retailers. Retail Excellence is by far the largest retail industry body in Ireland.