

## **Press Statement**

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# **Retail Excellence Announces Supplier of the Year Finalists**

Top5 Finalists to present in front of Judging Panel in October

Retail Excellence, the largest retail industry representative body in Ireland, has today announced the Top5 Retail Supplier of the Year finalists for 2019.

The list comprises suppliers involved in every aspect of retail services. Last year's winner was digital marketing agency Wolfgang Digital. This year the five finalists include logistics company DPD, consumer finance provider Flexi Fi, cash automation business Glory, Digital and Tech provider MJ Flood Technology and electricity supplier Pinergy.

The Supplier of the Year Award is part of the Retail Excellence Awards programme, established in 1997 to promote best practice and encourage high standards of service in the industry and backed this year by AIB Merchant Services.

The Top5 Finalists will be invited to a meeting with the judging panel in Dublin on the morning of the 18th October and will present to a host of retail experts on why they deserve to be crowned Supplier of the Year 2019.

Commenting on the announcement of the finalists, Head of Commercial at Retail Excellence, Keelan Bourke said "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 standard set by the Top5 finalists demonstrates how exemplary strategic services can actively increase 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."

The winner will be announced at a black-tie Awards banquet on Saturday, November 10th in the Malton Hotel, Killarney, County Kerry.

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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 1,850 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.

#### **Notes for Editor**

The Retail Excellence Awards, backed by AIB Merchant Services (AIBMS), celebrates and pays tribute to the very best in the Irish Retail Industry – both in-store and online. The awards bring together the top talent in Irish retail and recognise the most innovative retailers across a variety of categories.

Entering the AIBMS Retail Excellence Awards is not just entering a competition – it is a means to equip a retailer and their team with the tools, knowledge and confidence to understand the fast changing evolution of retail and ensure their business will deliver world class experience for their customers.

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