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### Call for docks help in Budget

CORK CHAMBER chief executive Conor Healy has welcomed the recent announcement by the Taoiseach regarding the establishment of the Cork Docklands Development Forum as well as the appointment of Gerry Wrixon as chairman.

He said: "The Chamber has long advocated the need for this forum as a means of bringing together all the key local stakeholders as well as central Government to drive the project forward."

"As a representative of the business community I look forward to the forum delivering on its objectives in promoting the effective co-ordination and delivery of the docklands project."

But Mr Healy added: "However, while the forum is welcomed, the Chamber has long been a proponent of the view that, in Budget 2008 and Finance Act 2008, the Government needs to deliver a number of targeted financial incentives to progress this project in a timely fashion."

"In its pre-Budget submission the Chamber put forward a number of proposals highlighting areas where Government funding or designation was needed."

"In light of today's announcement the Chamber calls on the Government to incorporate financial incentives into the upcoming Budget."



Conor Healy of Cork Chamber.



Director of sales and marketing Colette O'Callaghan (centre) and the Radisson team after receiving the Cork Conference Centre of the Year gong at the Meteor Business Awards Cork 2007 in association with Business Munster magazine.

# Radisson Hotel is conference centre of year

THE Radisson SAS Hotel & Spa has been named The Cork Conference Centre of the Year at the Meteor Business Awards - Cork 2007.

By VINCENT KELLY  
Business Editor

- A total of 1,838 marker pens were used.
  - Some 3,672 flipcharts were filled.
  - A total of 36,720 mints were eaten.
  - Some 1,940 hours were worked.
  - A total of 840 uniforms were washed.
  - Some 23,000 sandwiches were eaten.
  - And 18,360 bottles of water were drunk.
- "I don't think it is an exaggeration to say it has been a very busy year for us at the Radisson SAS Hotel & Spa, Cork. It is great to receive this positive recognition and award which proves we are the best conference venue in Cork," commented Ruairi

O'Connor, general manager of the Radisson SAS Hotel & Spa.

The facility is located just 10 minutes outside the city centre and from Cork Airport and train station.

The hotel design is a fusion of old-world charm and modern cosmopolitan chic.

The 19th century Ditchley House houses a business centre and has nine private meeting rooms while the impressive ballroom can cater for up to 450 delegates, making it suitable for conferences, exhibitions, banquets and other large events.

Also on offer for business guests, among a range of others, is the specially-introduced 30-minute treatments in the Retreat Spa.

The hotel has also invested over €200,000 in technology for conferences and general business activities.

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## IRISH STOCK EXCHANGE SHARES

PRICES AT 10.30AM TODAY

Share	High	Low	Open	Close
Abbey - Iex	5.72	0.00	5.72	
Agi Therapeutics - Iex	1.29	0.00		
Air Lingus Group	2.12	-0.02	2.18	
Allied Irish Banks	14.50	-0.84	15.23	
Amarin Corp - Iex	0.28	0.00		
Amisec	0.35	0.00		
Andor Technology - Iex	1.15	0.00	1.18	
Anglo Irish Bank	10.75	-0.70	11.45	
Blackrock International Land - Iex	0.34	0.00		
Bank Of Ireland	9.98	-0.54	-0.95	
Boundary Capital - Iex	0.54	0.00	0.54	
CB&I	23.55	-2.40	26.22	
CAC Group	3.70	-0.05	3.75	
CFR Resources - Iex	5.20	-0.30	5.50	
Datalux	0.68	0.00	0.68	
DCC	17.54	-1.16	17.70	
Diageo	14.42	0.00	14.42	
Donnegal Creameries - Iex	0.30	0.00	0.30	
Draxco Oil	4.20	0.00	4.20	
Elan Corp	18.12	-0.06	18.18	
Finance Ireland - Iex	0.27	0.00		
FBI Holdings	21.80	-0.10	21.90	
First Derivatives - Iex	4.35	0.00	4.30	
Fyffes - Iex	0.83	0.00	0.83	
Gartmore Fish	13.85	0.00	13.85	
Gettable Europe - Iex	0.17	0.00	0.17	
Glanbia	4.44	-0.01	0.80	
Glanis Mining - Iex	0.11	0.00	0.11	
Grafton Group	6.21	0.26	5.95	
Greencore Group	4.22	-0.01	0.00	
Horizon Technology Group	0.81	0.01	0.85	
IAMS Group	14.95	0.00	14.95	
IFG Group	1.35	-0.13	6.12	
Ion	38.50	0.00	38.50	
Independent News & Media	2.14	-0.02	2.86	
Ionis Technologies	2.35	0.00	2.35	
Irish Life And Permanent	12.05	-0.18	12.83	
Kennametal Resources	0.49	0.00		
Kennametal Resources	0.77	0.00	0.77	
Kerry Group	20.60	-0.29	20.41	
Kingspan Group	13.90	-0.43	14.33	
Lapp Platts - Iex	0.24	0.00	0.24	
Milkenney Holdings	1.20	-0.05	1.25	
Newcourt Group - Iex	1.13	0.00	1.13	
Neckem Group - Iex	1.70	0.00		
O'Leary & Butler	0.18	0.00	0.18	
Origin Enterprises - Iex	3.50	0.00	3.50	
Ormonde Mining - Iex	0.14	-0.01	0.15	
Ovens Gold - Iex	0.17	0.00	0.17	
Paddy Power	21.80	0.10	21.70	
Petrolic International - Iex	0.13	0.00	0.13	
Petrolic Resources - Iex	0.28	-0.01	0.29	
Prime Active Capital - Iex	0.89	0.00	0.89	
Providence Resources - Iex	0.80	0.01	0.80	
Quatarum Shires	0.59	0.00	0.59	
Realpoint	1.28	0.00		
Real Estate Opportunities	1.55	0.00	1.35	
Ryanair Holdings	4.55	-0.15	4.70	
Sinopec - Iex	0.40	-0.05	0.65	
Smurfit Kappa Group	11.30	-0.24	11.54	
Tesco	4.14	0.00	4.14	
Therford - Iex	0.18	0.00	0.18	
Total Produce - Iex	0.60	0.00	0.60	
Tullow Oil	9.21	0.00	9.21	
Tve Holdings - Iex	1.10	0.00	1.10	
United Drug	3.67	0.01	3.66	

## O'Riordan Interiors have personal touch

O'RIORDAN INTERIORS, based at 1 Holymount Industrial Estate, Blarney Road, specialises in curtains, blinds and interior design.

With over 25 years service in the commercial, industrial and domestic sector, O'Riordan Interiors now offers a complete interior-design service.

"We work with prominent fabric suppliers such as Ritmo, Designers Guild, Harlequin, Prestigious Textiles and Casanara and blind suppliers Eclipse Blinds, Luxatex, and Eclectic Blinds to ensure our customers receive a

CORK City Enterprise Board (CCEB), based 1-2 Bruach na Laoi, Union Quay, and supported by the Department of Enterprise Trade and Employment and the EU Commission, provides advice, information and resources for business start-ups. In this regular series we highlight the success of firms helped by the CCEB.

top-class interiors service, with multiple choices, and the best possible value for money," said Mary O'Riordan of O'Riordan Interiors.

"To ensure continued success in the increasingly competitive sector, O'Ri-

ordan Interiors received capital refundable grant aid and mentoring support from Cork City Enterprise Board.

"The support given by the Cork City Enterprise Board helped our well-established family business to drive forward

and embrace new technology and new thinking, particularly in the manufacture of bespoke interior solutions.

"They provided guidance and support in streamlining our procedures towards better business," said Ms O'Riordan.

Customers include trade organisations, multinationals, semi-state bodies and property developers for both show-houses and rental properties but their main area of expertise is in the private one-off client sector.

"The fact we specialise in the area of window dressing in the true sense is our

unique selling point," said Ms O'Riordan. "Our core business is centred around curtains and all blinds, in particular advising the client on the most suitable option for their specific requirements."

For more call (021) 4392744, email enquiries@oriordaninteriors.ie or log onto www.oriordaninteriors.ie.

For information on supports for small business, including funding, mentoring, grant aid and subsidised training courses, contact Cork City Enterprise Board on (021) 4961828 or at ita@ccceb.ie www.ccceb.ie.