

Green Investment Bank has one of the best offices in the UK



Industry experts award Scotland's finest workplaces –

UK Green Investment Bank honoured at the British Council for Offices' annual Regional Awards

The UK Green Investment Bank headquarters in Edinburgh's Atria One has today been recognised as one of Scotland's five finest workplaces at the annual British Council for Offices (BCO) Scottish property sector awards.

The Scottish leg of the BCO's respected awards programme recognises top quality office design and functionality and sets the standard for excellence in the Scottish office sector. Over 280 of the country's top designers, developers, architects and occupiers attended today's awards lunch, all of whom were competing for a coveted BCO regional award.



The UK Green Investment Bank headquarters won the category of best **Project up to 2,000msq** for creating a flexible, open-ended, sustainable workspace that creates both a welcoming experience for visitors and meets current and future occupier requirements. Located in the Council's development in Edinburgh's financial centre, the judges felt the design utilised an excellent combination of branding, technology and staff engagement to create a positive environment for occupiers, all with spectacular panoramic views over the Edinburgh skyline and Firth of Forth.



Other winners at the ceremony included the Scottish Crime Campus in Lanarkshire for **Best Corporate Workplace**, plus three developments in Glasgow, which took home **Best Commercial Workplace**, **Best Fit-Out of Workplace** and **Best Refurbished/Recycled Workplace**.

All eyes are now on October 7th when the winners from the Regional Awards will compete in their categories at a national level and also bid to win the property sector's respected BCO 'Best of the Best' award.

Judging Chairman, Bill Ritchie, of Atelier Ten said: "This year's winners of the Scottish Awards are all projects that have delivered excellence from an often challenging and unique brief. Judged on a number of different factors, including efficiency, sustainable development, architectural flair and of course their effectiveness as a workplace, the winners all demonstrate how good office design can enhance wellbeing and productivity."

Richard Kauntze, Chief Executive of the BCO, commented: "This year's awards are testament to the quality and distinction of new office development in Scotland. With the Commonwealth Games only months away, the winners of the Scottish Awards have set an outstanding standard for commercial development and place Scotland firmly at the heart of innovation and design."

For more information on the awards visit the BCO website (www.bco.org.uk).