

Aldi wins an award for their relationships with suppliers

At last night's Scotland Food and Drink Excellence Awards Aldi won the Scottish Sourcing (Multiple) Award.

This recognises their good relationships with over 90 suppliers and also the fact that they bring local produce to their customers. Aldi aim to increase the number of Scottish products in their range to over 450 by the end of next year. With everything from gin to strawberries and biscuits to fresh meat, they already have a huge range.

It is an unbelievable 25 years since Aldi opened its first store in Scotland and the 10th since they created a dedicated Scottish Buying Department.

Graham Nicolson, Group Buying Director, Aldi Scotland said: "We're extremely proud to have won the Scottish Sourcing Award this year. Provenance, traceability and sustainability are incredibly important to us at Aldi and we work tirelessly to ensure our stores stock the highest quality, locally sourced produce.

"I'd like to take this opportunity to extend a very warm thank you to all of our suppliers and customers in Scotland who have supported us over the past 25 years.

"This really is a testament to the great work delivered by our team here in Scotland to build long-term, mutually beneficial partnerships with our Scottish suppliers which has enabled us to continue to grow our Scottish line numbers and our customer base in Scotland.

“The Scotland Food & Drink Excellence Awards are hugely well respected, and we are proud to say that we have been among the winners every year since these awards began and have taken the highest total number of awards of any retailer.”

James Withers, Chief Executive of Scotland Food & Drink said: “We have huge ambitions at Scotland Food & Drink to drive the sector forward over the coming decade. Our ongoing partnership work with major retailers, to support the growth of Scottish suppliers, will be central to success in the years ahead. Aldi’s commitment to that way of working and to strengthening their relationships with suppliers is hugely valued. Last night’s award is very well-deserved recognition of those efforts and their whole team deserve congratulations.”

For over 20 years the Scotland Food & Drink Awards have recognised and rewarded the very best of Scotland’s thriving food and drink industry, celebrating the country’s top suppliers, producers and chefs.

The full list of winners at the 2019 Scotland Food & Drink Excellence Awards can be found at:
<https://excellenceawards.foodanddrink.scot/>.



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