

Stewart Christie attracts new local investor

The Queen Street bespoke tailors, Stewart Christie & Co has announced investment by Edinburgh author Sir Alexander McCall Smith.

This follows the new by appointment ladies' studio which has opened next door at Number 61-63 where afternoon tea can be enjoyed while choosing a new outfit.

The tailor has dressed both royalty and Hollywood stars – from King George V and Sir Walter Scott to Ewan McGregor and Outlander star Sam Heughan – in its tweeds and tartans for more than 300 years.

Stewart Christie & Co Creative Director Vixy Rae said: “This is such an exciting moment for Stewart Christie & Co – not only are we welcoming the delightful Alexander McCall Smith aboard our company, we also recently opened our first ever ladies' bespoke tailoring studio. Alongside our expansion into ladieswear, we're really looking forward to launching our new website early next year, with an online fabric store so clients can build their own garment virtually. The best experience, though, is still in-house – you can't beat the satisfaction of taking home a beautifully made garment that's been perfectly tailored to your measurements.”

Alexander McCall Smith said: “There is nowhere quite like Stewart Christie & Co. This firm has been a vital part of the Scottish clothing and textile industry for a very long time. The team of James, Daniel and Vixy have been tireless in their

support of Scottish textiles and tailoring and that is what prompted me to offer support in the first place. Their work has helped to secure Scotland's reputation as a source of fine clothing, traditionally made with this country's wonderful cloth. It is a great honour to be able to support that."

Appointments at Stewart Christie & Co's ladies' studio must be booked in advance by calling 0131 225 6639 or emailing info@stewartchristie.com



Sir Alexander McCall Smith PHOTO by Christina Kernohan





Vixy Rae outside the new ladies studio Photo Frammart