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SCOTTISH FRIENDLY'S FIONA MCBAIN NAMED BUSINESS LEADER OF THE YEAR

Fiona McBain, chief executive of Glasgow-based Scottish Friendly, was last night named Business Leader of the Year at the Glasgow Business Awards.

The win marks a successful year for McBain which saw her shortlisted for Director of the Year at the IoD Scotland awards. McBain is widely credited with leading Scottish Friendly's growth and her drive and ambition have ensured that the mutual boasts one of the most cost-effective back offices in the UK. As a result of this, the group continues to secure major partnerships and valuable distribution deals with household names including Royal London and Norwich Union.

This latest accolade tops a highly successful year for Scotland's largest mutual life office, which is pursuing a three-pronged strategy of organic growth, mergers and consolidation and business processing outsourcing.

Commenting on the award, McBain said: "I am proud to work with such a skilled and dedicated team at Scottish Friendly. We've had an immensely successful year, and the Glasgow Business Leader of the Year award is a testament to Scottish Friendly's achievements and potential."