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Chainbow Scope Two Property Management Awards

Chainbow again proved it has London's best residential block managers by winning Young Property Manager of the Year and Porter of the Year at the Property Management Awards held on Monday 6 December at Lords Cricket Ground in St John's Wood, London.

The awards add to Chainbow's existing collection having picked up Block Manager of the Year, Best Small Business and Best Managing Agent of an RTM, among many other titles, throughout 2010.

Twenty-seven-year-old Gail Preston from Tunbridge Wells in Kent won Young Property Manager of the Year while Red Houjabi from Hornchurch in Essex received Porter of the Year.

The accolade is Gail's second industry award this year having been honoured at the Institution of Residential Property Management (IRPM's) Annual Seminar with a national award for the best 'Legal Paper' she submitted as part of her induction as a Member of the organisation.

Red was also named as a finalist at last year's Property Management Awards for Porter of the Year.

More than 250 block management companies, law firms, contractors and insurers attended the award dinner, which is designed to highlight the industry's best practitioners for the benefit of landlords, homeowners and tenants.

Roger Southam, Chainbow chairman and chief executive, commented, "Chainbow was named as finalists for four awards and it is outstanding to have won two. I am very proud of Gail and Red because they work tirelessly and genuinely contribute to Chainbow's strong, positive reputation. Gail is the first staff member new clients meet and she sets the tone for the way Chainbow operate. Red goes above and beyond his duty countless times to make the lives of 242 residents at The Water Gardens easier. They have both set the benchmark of the way property management should be done."

Gail joined Chainbow in 2008 and quickly progressed to the position of New Business Manager in June 2010, responsible for ensuring finances and vital information about apartment blocks are processed into the company system within the first few months of appointment.

In late 2006, Red was employed by developer George Wimpey (now part of Taylor Wimpey) as the aftersales customer care manager for The Water Gardens in Canada Waters, London. The Water Gardens' Resident Management Company approached Chainbow to rally for Red to be employed as their full-time, permanent concierge which Chainbow obliged. For the past 21-years, Red has been a house manager for developments ranging from period buildings to new build schemes within London.

Chainbow was founded in 1989 and specialises in residential, mixed-use and commercial property management on behalf of owners, freeholders and investors. Chainbow manages 114 developments with 4,4837 leaseholders, several Eastern European shopping centres across and commercial units totalling more than 1,000,000 sq ft (92,903 sq m) throughout the UK.

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