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Business brief

HOTEL INVESTMENT: Richmond Hill Hotel has completed a £4.7m refurbishment program after eight months of development works.

The hotel has reconfigured more than half of its bedroom stock, adding new furniture and upgrading the technology in the conference rooms.

The oldest section of the 142-bedroom hotel dates back to 1726, and now hosts Pembroke's Bar and Restaurant.

The hotel's 15 meeting rooms have also been refreshed with a classic palate of colours and the installation of progressive in-room technology, specifically for the needs of conference and business delegates.

General manager at Richmond Hill Hotel Diane Tapner-Evans said: "The enhancements we've made to the hotel, alongside our partnership with Heal's,



Fine dining: Part of the interior of the new-look hotel

will ensure the hotel continues to provide excellence and sophistication for our guests. We are also excited for imminent additions – the Roaring and Startled Stags; two sculptures designed by George Hider, in-keeping with Richmond Park's fallow and red deer. The two stags have been made from reclaimed metal and will stand at the entrance to the hotel."



State-of-the-art: An employee examining data at Butterworth's

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Family business with worldwide influence

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Butterworth is a family business founded in 1974 in Teddington by Doris Butterworth, who remains owner and managing director to this day.

With origins in Teddington's National Physical Laboratory the business now focuses predominantly on supporting the global pharmaceutical industry.

Butterworth employs state-of-the-art technologies and highly qualified scientists to ensure the quality and safety of medicines, their ingredients and medical devices, which are manufactured and sold around the world.

The company's staff are passionate about improving the quality of people's lives and are extremely proud to have contributed to the hub of scientific excellence within the borough for more than 40 years.

Since making the pioneering decision to start her own

business, not only in a technical industry, but in an age where women leaders were uncommon, Ms Butterworth has carefully steered the company through four decades of growth and has been an inspiration to all her employees.

Butterworth has diversified the business since the 1970s as well as its cultural diversity, with the company now represented by no less than 15 different nationalities among its 61 employees.

The company's scientific work directly contributes to the improvement of everyday people's lives and staff also work hard to make a difference outside of Butterworth's core business through corporate social responsibilities.

The organisation has donated legacy equipment to the Recycling Organisation for Research Opportunities (RORO), a non-profit organisation that distributes these to academic institutions in the developing world.

Butterworth also regularly

raises money for Children in Need, Sport Relief and other local charities through staff activities as well as sponsoring company squash, football and badminton teams and a cycle to work scheme to promote healthy living and to reduce its carbon footprint.

Consideration for environmental impact is also core to Butterworth's refurbishment plans, as the company looks to continually protect and enhance its surroundings as it grows.

Butterworth was jointly commended at last year's Richmond Business Awards in the best exporter category and as a successful SME, and recognises the importance of supporting local business.

A spokesman from the company said: "With this in mind we are proud to be sponsoring the corporate social responsibility award in 2015 as we consider this to be of significant importance to the operations of any modern business."

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