

# BCFA Product Approval Awards - Nine Manufacturers Commended at Industry Luncheon



Tektura award winning wall coverings

**A**lmost five hundred members and guests representing the industry, architecture, interior design, the hotel and leisure, office and other sectors attended the British Contract Furnishing Association Annual Luncheon held at the Dorchester Hotel on the 2nd of November.

The celebrity speaker, Tom O'Connor, achieved the remarkable distinction of entertaining everyone and offending no one. A table collection on behalf of the Furnishing Trades Benevolent Association raised over £1,500.00, which was gratefully received by the FTBA, the industry's only dedicated charity.

Top table guests included Nicholas Radford, Master of the Worshipful Company of Furniture Makers, and Mike Clare, President of the Furnishing Trades Benevolent Association.

During her address, BCFA Chairman Ms. Carolyn Mitchell, welcomed members and their guests to the luncheon and introduced Charles Prew, Chief Executive of Paramount Hotels who presented the BCFA's Lifetime Achievement Award to Michael Timmins of Respa Beds.

## Annual Awards

The Association has selected nine companies from diverse sectors of the contract furnishing market for special endorsement in its 2006 Product Approval Awards. The winners were announced and the awards presented by BCFA board member Margaret Miller.

The awards scheme, which is now an annual event, attracted a record number of entries this year, with all candidate products expected to address issues of innovation, uniqueness, commercial reality, sustainability and compliance with British Standards. The winning products are now entitled to carry 'BCFA-Approved' tags, and will feature both on the BCFA website ([www.thebcfa.com](http://www.thebcfa.com)) and at all BCFA-sponsored exhibitions over the coming twelve months.

### Collecting their awards were:

- Brintons for its Axis carpet weaving process;
- Burgess Furniture for the Flair conference chair;
- Kohler UK for its Bol single lever basin mixer;
- InterfaceFLOR for its Straightforward modular flooring;
- Kelletts for the Respa Perfect Sleeper bed;
- Northcroft UK for the Mondré nesting table;
- Panaz for its Panvelle Stretch upholstery fabric;
- Tektura for its Express wallcoverings;
- Ulster Carpets for the Psylo weaving process.

In presenting the winners with their certificates, Margaret Miller paid tribute to the high standard of entries and extended her thanks to her fellow judges, who included BCFA Chairman Carolyn Mitchell, Georgia Burt of Nightingale Associates, David Barker of Hot Haus Design, Richard Elford of Hospitality Interiors and Gordon Anderson of Intercontinental Hotels. Appreciation was also expressed for the contribution of award sponsors furnisure.

The British Contract Furnishing Association is the voice of the contract industry and the watchdog for the industry in many areas including UK and European Standards and government legislation.

**GROUP PICTURE: PICTURED ARE, LEFT TO RIGHT:**

Damian Roscoe of Brintons, Nick Hooper of Tektura, Nicole Kellett and Ron Neagus of Respa Beds, Jill Few of Kohler, Gary Philip of award sponsors furnisure, BCFA Director Margaret Miller of Knightsbridge Furniture, Michael Brown of Northcroft, Kate Mitchell and Elaine Patterson of Ulster, Lynsey Calder of InterfaceFLOR, Andy Copas of Panaz and Peter Roth of Burgess Furniture Ltd.



Panvelle Stretch is waterproof, yet breathable and warm to the touch, and offers full multi-stretch capabilities. Pressure mapping tests show it to be ideal for use with memory foam in upholstered furniture within hospitals, nursing homes and other caring environments, thereby aiding pressure relief and helping to prevent pressure sores and cross-infection.

Flame retardant to BS5852 Part 2, in line with current fire safety specifications, Panvelle Stretch incorporates active anti-fungal and anti-microbial agents, and hence will not support the growth of bacteria such as E-coli and MRSA. Panvelle Stretch is also easy-care and can be cleaned with a bleach solution.

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The FLAIR chair was designed by Peter Roth for use in all aspects of conferencing. From the large congress hall to the intimate meeting room, FLAIR incorporates all that is desirable in a conference chair. The FLAIR chairs multi-contoured seat shell offers true comfort while maintaining a compact footprint for maximum numbers, with simple aesthetics and clean lines. FLAIR is available with or without arms, either fully upholstered or with a polished show-wood shell finished in natural beech, cherry or walnut. The chrome plated frame features a unique flared leg detail. Optional features include retractable linking, seat / row number clip, recessed handle and a detachable tablet. For more information on the Flair or other Burgess products please visit [www.burgessfurniture.com](http://www.burgessfurniture.com) or call 020 8894 9231.



**Kohler:**

Inspired by the antique apothecary pestle and mortar, the Bol ceramic basin mixer has a purely classical look. The brushed nickel lever with pebble finish controls the water flow filling the tap body and then gently cascading from the spout with a unique sound and feel. Bol is part of a diverse range of individually designed feature brassware and basins in the Kohler Artist's Editions range. By continually innovating in materials, design and function Kohler offers the designer high performance and a unique and distinctive product which is built to last. Manufactured in Kohler factories, Kohler brassware undergoes rigorous testing and includes such features as washer-less ceramic valving for a longer tap life and solid brass construction.

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Guest speaker Tom O'Connor



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FTBA National President and Executive Chairman of Dreams plc Mike Clare



Networking at the Dorchester - members and guests of the BCFA

Registrations for the 2007 awards are already being accepted: for more details contact the BCFA Secretariat on 01494 896790 or visit [www.thebcfa.com](http://www.thebcfa.com)

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