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## everywoman in Retail awards winners announced

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By Vicki Owen

Winners at the everywoman in Retail awards included [Harriet Kelsall](#), managing director of Harriet Kelsall Jewellery Design, Ann-Naree Morrison, director of Labels4Kids and Alison Ford, buying manager at WM Morrison Supermarkets.

Some of Britain's leading women in retail gathered at The Savoy this week to recognise and celebrate the achievements of retail's highest flyers. Senior figures from fashion, grocery, digital and the major multiples joined Dame Mary Perkins, and everywoman founders Karen Gill and Maxine Benson for a glittering reception and dinner.

Maxine Benson, co-founder and director of everywoman, said: 'With 80 per cent of household buying decisions made by women it is staggering that the top of the industry is still male dominated despite a strong pipeline of women in management roles. By bringing these winners to the forefront of their industry, we hope to send a message that retail must nurture and support its female talent.'

Dame Mary Perkins, chief executive of Specsavers, said: 'There are some excellent opportunities for women in the retail industry. Although there are not as many women in senior positions as there should be, there are many good prospects. At Specsavers, many of our stores are owned by female opticians who recognise the importance of excellent customer service and high retail standards.'

The winners:

Woman of the Year  
Harriet Kelsall  
Managing Director  
Harriet Kelsall Jewellery Design

Star of the Future (in a business with a turnover under £200m)  
Kerry McDowall  
Area Business Manager, Scotland East  
Hallett Retail -The Concessions People

Star of the Future (in a business with a turnover more than £200m)  
Alison Ford  
Buying Manager  
WM Morrison Supermarkets Plc



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Leader of the Year (in a business with a turnover under £200m)  
Catherine Owens  
Founder and Managing Director  
Amber & Jade

Leader of the Year (in a business with a turnover more than £200m)  
Lisa Miao  
Commercial Director - Chilled Foods  
WM Morrison Supermarkets Plc

Innovator of the Year  
Keren Long  
Bangladesh Sourcing General Manager  
George Clothing - Asda Stores Ltd

Entrepreneur of the Year  
Ann-Maree Morrison  
Director  
Labels4Kids Limited

Online Retailer of the Year

Debbie Morris  
Senior Channel Development Manager  
Vodafone (UK) Ltd

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